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DEADLINE FOR ENGG COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PUSHED TO NOV 30

Classes for freshers in engineering colleges and technical institutions will begin from Dec 1, the AICTE said on Monday

CONTINUING COVID SITUATION BLAMED

The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) said that because of continuing Covid situation in the country, requests from state governments, and the fact that premier institutions like IITs and NITs are in the middle of the admission process, it has extended the admission deadline for first-year engineering courses to November 30

ONLINE, OFFLINE OR BLENDED MODE

- Classes may subsequently begin on December 1 through online, offline or blended mode, AICTE Secretary Rajive Kumar said
- Institutions that have already started online classes have been asked to either postpone them or conduct special classes for those who are required to appear for final-year exams | P9

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2020-21 CAN BE VIEWED AT: WWW.AICTE-INDIA.ORG

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers the centenary convocation address of the University of Mysore on Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S

NEP will change edu system: PM

In convocation address, Modi says efforts on to make India global hub of higher studies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

SKILLING, reskilling and upskilling are the need of the hour and the National Education Policy (NEP) focuses on these aspects to improve the quality of students, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, delivering the centenary convocation address of Mysore University on Monday.

Modi, whose address was beamed virtually, suggested that Mysore University should successfully implement the NEP and empower its students. "The National Education Policy will bring in fundamental changes to the entire education system, from pre-nursery to PhD. The focus is on a multi-dimensional approach which is capable of making the youth of our country more competitive. On one hand, it will improve the future of the education sector, while on the other it will help empower our youth. Efforts are being made at all levels to make India a global hub of higher education," he said.

Hailing the increased participation of girls in higher education, Modi said that at every level of education, the gross enrolment ratio of girls is higher than boys across the country. Even in higher education, innovation and technology fields, their participation has gone up significantly, he pointed out.

"We have continuously tried to help students go forward in the 21st century by changing the education system. In higher education, a lot of focus has been laid on the development of infrastructure and structural reforms. Over the last six years, we have opened at least one new IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) every year across the country, including the one at Dharwad in Karnataka. The National Medical Commission has been formed to bring in transparency in medical education which was lacking earlier and new laws have been enacted for reforms in medical education," he said. P7

Farooq faces ED's heat in cricket scam

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FOUR days after six mainstream Opposition parties launched a Peoples Alliance to unitedly fight for the restoration of special powers under Article 370 to J&K, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday grilled National Conference president and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah for over seven hours in connection with the 2015 J&K Cricket Association scam.

While most parties described the ED action as political vendetta, Abdullah asserted he was clean and that the fight for Article 370's restoration will continue with or without him. In 2015, the CBI had registered a first information report into the alleged ₹113 crore scam when he was heading the state cricket association.

Abdullah's son Omar tweeted, "This is nothing less than political vendetta coming days after the formation of People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration". PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said, "ED's sudden summons to Farooq displays the extent of Government of India's nervousness about mainstream parties in J&K fighting as one unit. Also reeks of political vendetta..."

EXPRESS READ

Judge gets 'letter bomb' over arrests of actresses in drugs case

Bengaluru: Judge GM Sheenappa of the Special Court for NDPS cases received a threat letter along with a detonator-like object through a post on Monday afternoon. The letter sender demanded that actresses Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani arrested in the drug case and "innocents" arrested over the DJ Halli riots case be released. P5

Kerala HC dismisses plea against leasing of T'Puram airport to Adani

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Monday dismissed the state's petition challenging the Centre's decision to lease out the right of operation, management and development of the Thiruvananthapuram airport to Adani Enterprises. The court observed the arguments put forward by the state government are a classic example of the proverbial "sour grapes".

Malabar drill: Oz on board in Quad play

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

IN a major strategic shift, Australia on Monday shunned its reservations against being seen as part of the Quad grouping and decided to send the Royal Australian Navy warships to participate in the Malabar series of naval exercises.

Confirming the development, the Ministry of Defence said, "As India seeks to increase cooperation with other countries in the maritime security domain and in the light of increased defence cooperation with Australia, Malabar 2020 will see the participation of the Australian Navy."

Australia had participated in the 2007 exercise but had withdrawn since then after China raised concerns against this construct.

The upcoming exercise will be significant as all Quad members countries — the US, Japan, Australia and India — will be participating after 12 years. It was first mooted in 2007 and China was always opposed to this grouping.

All exercises usually have a 'harbor phase' involving personnel interaction. However, this year's will be 'non-contact - at sea' with the personnel on their own ships having no interaction with those of other participating nations.

The defence ministry said that the exercise will strengthen the coordination between the Navies of all the participating countries.

The Malabar exercises started in 1992 as a bilateral one between Navies of India and the US. Japan joined in 2015. The annual exercise was conducted off the coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea in 2018, off the coast the Japan in 2019 and will be held in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea this year.

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CHINESE SOLDIER HELD

Indian Army apprehended a Chinese soldier who had "strayed" across the LAC in the Demchok sector of Eastern Ladakh on Monday. The soldier will be returned to the Chinese after completion of formalities | P9

Stop work on tallest Jesus statue, says HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday stayed the construction work for installing the tallest Jesus Christ statue in the world at Kapalabetta, around 80 km from Bengaluru, in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara district, saying no work should be carried out without its permission.

Acting on a public interest litigation (PIL) which stated that the land was allotted illegally for the installation of the statue and it was an attempt to grab government land to fulfil selfish ends of two politicians and their followers in the garb of self-styled guardians of the Christian community, the court restrained the Harobele Kapalabetta Abhivruddhi Trust from carrying out the construction work.

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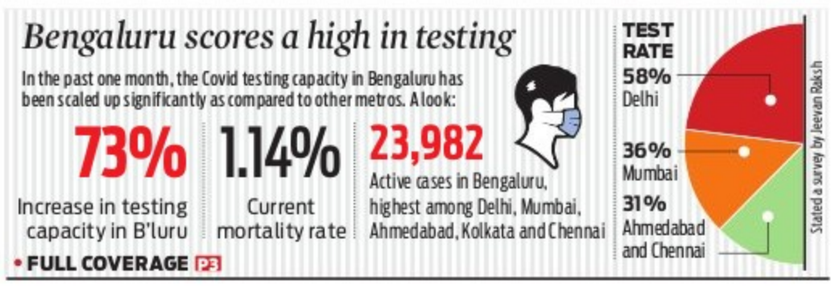
Bengaluru scores a high in testing
In the past one month, the Covid testing capacity in Bengaluru has been scaled up significantly as compared to other metros. A look:
73%
Increase in testing capacity in B'luru
1.14%
Current mortality rate
23,982
Active cases in Bengaluru, highest among Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Chennai
TEST RATE
58% Delhi
36% Mumbai
31% Ahmedabad and Chennai
Stated a survey by Jeevan Raksh
• FULL COVERAGE P3

B'LURU EMERGES TRANSIT ROUTE FOR DRUG TO AUS

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

BENGALURU is emerging as the transit route for the banned precursor psychotropic drug pseudoephedrine from South India to Australia.

"During the lockdown, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Bengaluru, alone had seized over 25 kg of pseudoephedrine, which was being smuggled out from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to Australia through courier consignments," said sources in the DRI.

"In all the instances, the seized drug had reportedly originated from Chennai and the destination was Australia. There are multiple players in the drug network, who manufacture pseudoephedrine in small defunct chemical laboratories or 'clan labs' in and around Chennai and Hyderabad. They use small courier companies, which are part of the franchise of international courier companies, to ship the drug using fake identity cards and addresses," added sources.

The investigation so far has revealed the involvement of people not only from Chennai, but other districts in Tamil Nadu.

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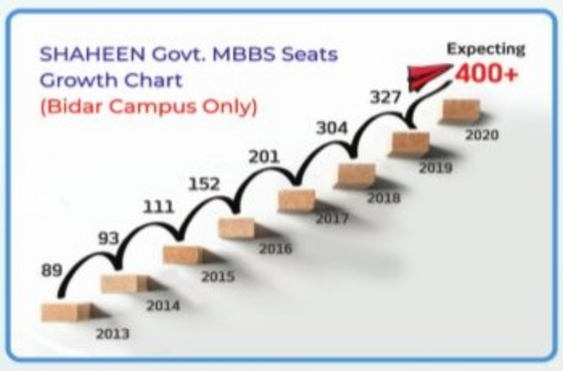

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• **Tuesday:** 20/10/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Nija Ashwayuja • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Chaturthi 4.28 pm • **Nakshatra:** Anuradha 9.23 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

MYSURU WEATHER

MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST
Rain showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise	6.10 am
Sunset	5.58 pm
Moonrise	9.37 am
Moonset	9.20 pm

Metro Rail is 9! 48 cr use safer, faster system

Will aim to increase network length to 172 km by 2025 from 42 km: BMRCL MD

S. LALITHA @Bengaluru

NAMMA Metro chugs into its 10th year on a sombre note on Tuesday. Unlike the usual cheer that marks its launch day annually, the operations under Covid since September 7 have ensured rock bottom patronage triggering a big spike in losses. The best patronage was last week with occupancy levels crossing 55,000 daily, nearly one-tenth of the average 5 lakh commuters before the Metro was stopped on March 21 with the Covid-induced lockdown.

From being derided as a 'Toy Train' after it began operations on October 20, 2011 on a small stretch of 6.7-km between MG Road and Baiyappanahalli, the Green and Purple Lines of the Metro network today cover 42.3 km connecting different parts of the city. By next month, the Southern Extension of the Green Line -- the Yelachenahalli-Anjanapura Line (Reach 4B) of the Phase-II Metro network -- covering 6.29 km, will also be added.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited also aims to increase the Metro network length to 172 km by 2025 from the present 42 km with the commissioning of Phase 2 and Phase 2A & 2B (Outer Ring Road-KIA), said Ajay Seth, BMRCL Managing Director. "The 10th year itself will bring in an addition of 13 km with 11 stations and full implementation of National Common Mobility Card," he said.

A senior Metro official said the highest patronage was recorded on October 24 last year when it had 6,01,164 passengers on board. By contrast, the highest occupancy since September 7 was on October 12 at 56,276 riders.

A S Shankar, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL, said, "Over the past nine years, BMRCL has provided seamless and reliable travel to over 48 crore travellers. We hope to continue being the catalyst in Bangalore's all-round development."

A senior Metro official said, "Much-improved last-mile connectivity, Road Over Bridges at elevated Metro stations, bus bays, upgraded automatic fare collection gates, and entries and exits at stations opening up to service lanes instead of main roads will offer commuters a much-improved travel experience in future."

Changein frequency of trains from Thursday

Bengaluru: To boost patronage on Metro trains, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has decided to revise the frequency of trains from Thursday. The schedule will differ between weekdays and weekends, too. Monday to Friday and the 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday (when applicable): 9 am to 10 am and 5.30 to 6.30 pm: 5-minute frequency; 8 am to 9 am and 10 am to 11 am: 6 minute; 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm to 8 pm: 6 minute; all other operational hours: 12-minute frequency.

On Sundays, general holidays, 2nd and 4th Saturdays: 10 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm: 8-minute frequency and other hours: 12-minute frequency.

Metro began operations on Oct 20, 2011, on a 6.7-km stretch, but now covers 42.3 km

POTHOLE AFTER POTHOLE

A woman rider navigates a pothole in one of Bengaluru's busiest commercial hubs — Avenue Road — on Monday. Potholes on city streets have become a risk to both motorists and pedestrians, especially after the recent rain | SHRIRAMBN

200 apply at online plan approval portal

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@Bengaluru

THE recently launched portal by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to clear building approval applications has started to see some response.

The portal, which was introduced in July where building plan sanctions are given online, has received over 200 applications, of which 157 are under process. Most of the applications are for residential projects and are for small site denominations like 30x40 or 40x60. It is only recently that the BBMP has received the biggest commercial application for clearance from Manipal University for setting up buildings on eight acres of land near Yelahanka Airforce Station.

"According to rules, any application which is sent to BBMP through the portal, should be cleared within 18 days. It has been three days since the applications have come to us and now the revenue section is assessing the tax and account details," explained a BBMP official.

Training for architects

Citizens cannot upload the drawings directly on the portal, but have to take the help of architects who are registered with the BBMP. "We have realised that many people are unable to find the right architects and also many are not trained on how to use the BBMP software. So the training process for architects has started," the official added.

The portal — Online Building Plan Approval System Pass — can accept drawings from applicants for sites measuring from 30x40 to 150 acres. All the applicant has to do is to upload the drawings and the address, then based on the zoning regulations, the portal will say whether it is correct or wrong. After the drawings are approved, the portal also informs the owner of the date and time, when engineers from all government departments like BBMP, BDA, BWSSB, Bescom, fire and emergency and others concerned will visit the site for field inspection. The government agencies are also given three days time to upload the field inspection reports, based on which final clearance for the project is given.

BDA hikes khata transfer fee, fines

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN a bid to mobilise additional revenue, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Monday hiked khata transfer fee, application fee to purchase flats and sites, and penalties by 50% to 100%, say highly placed sources. The hike will be implemented with retrospective effect from October 6. Property tax will also be hiked from March 2021, and is dependent on the BBMP fixing rates for its properties.

An order signed by BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev on October 19 specified the revised fees. The hikes are being effected after five years. The move was in the offing for some time, but the official order was issued on Monday, a senior official said. "The Chief Secretary had held a series of revenue mobilisation meetings with BDA and other agencies from April, and asked officials to explore all options to mobilise additional revenue to meet the shortfall caused due to Covid. Hence, we decided to hike our fees and penalties, which have not been hiked for long. We got the consent of the BDA Board on August 28, and the hikes can be implemented immediately," he said.

Most of the 64 BDA layouts developed by BDA have been handed over to the BBMP. There are 1,04,000-odd properties in possession of the Authority.

NEW RATES

Change of khata fee doubled, depending on site size

- 20x30 sqft: Rs 1,000 (up from Rs 500)
- 30x40 sqft: Rs 4,000 (Rs 2,000)
- 40x60 sqft: Rs 10,000 (Rs 5,000)
- 50x80 sqft: Rs 20,000 (Rs 10,000)
- Above 50x80 sqft: Rs 30,000 (Rs 15,000)

Penalty for leaving BDA sites vacant without construction for a few years after purchase, has been hiked by 50 per cent

- Less than 20x30 sqft: No penalty levied, will continue to be charged Rs 5,000
- Less than 30x40 sqft: Rs 15,000 (earlier Rs 10,000)
- 30x40 sqft: Rs 60,000 (Rs 40,000)
- Less than 40x60 sqft: Rs 1,20,000 (Rs 80,000)
- Less than 50x80 sqft: Rs 3,75,000 (Rs 2,50,000)
- Less than 50x80 sqft: Rs 6 lakh (Rs 4 lakh)

Purchase of flats, sites application fee (Rs 500 for SC/ST, Rs 1,000 for others)

Registration fee for sites: Rs 500 and Rs 5,000 increased from Rs 1,000 to Rs 15,000

Registration fee for flats up from Rs 100 to Rs 200 to Rs 500 to Rs 1000, the order added.

TREE WARRIORS TRIUMPH

Greens win, protest stops work at B'lore varsity biopark

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of sustained campaign by people, Walkers Association and environmentalists, all land clearance work in a part of the Biodiversity Park of Bangalore University has come to a standstill. The work to clear a part of the park for the setting up the Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences on a leased land of 15 acres has now been halted.

K L H Raya, president, Walkers Association, said, "Presently, the work has been stopped in the wake of our memorandum to the VC. But we will take up our protest again if they restart it."

On March 17, the state government passed an order for handing over 15 acres of land to this Centre and on June 24, the land was leased to it for 30 years. However, this land fell inside the biodiversity park that was developed initially on 100 acres out of the total 650.

The Biodiversity Park

The park is not just a lung space in this part, but is also a place for students and researchers to do their studies as this is a unique habitat for flora and fauna, a lecturer said. "This is a habitat that supports 150 bird species, 75 butterfly species, 80 medicinal herbs with fauna ranging from amphibians, reptiles to peacocks."

T J Renuka Prasad, former coordinator of the Biodiversity Park, said, "People turned up in large numbers to protest and we even had a webinar which garnered a lot of support. The first time the protest was held, the work was stopped. However, with the threat of the work starting again, a second protest was held recently. Some 10,000 people have supported our cause on change.org. All the ground vegetation including aromatic and medicinal plants and some 60-70 wild date palm trees have been completely destroyed last month."

Although the university has stopped the work, a decision has been taken not to allow any further tree plantation in the campus, according to officials.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th October : If you're eager to get into space and experience those celestial energies at close quarters, then various companies are now advertising commercial trips for the coming years. The only trouble is that the current price is fixed at over $100,000 so, if you fancy it, you'd better get saving. On the other hand, there might be better things to do with your money.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon is in a combustible mood, so you may expect social plans to flare up. There's a good deal of romance in the air today, and it's all a question of finding the right circumstances - and the right person! Plus, you may be attracted to a good cause rather than a dream lover.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your stars are generally favourable and it's unlikely that you'll be pushed in any one single direction. Be positive and colleagues and employers will be more likely to see your point of view and offer assistance. But listen carefully to partners - or they'll hold it against you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Domestic plans are now becoming urgent, and it's clear that there are one or two vital improvements to make. You may, however, be feeling over-burdened by your obligations, so do your best to shift the backlog now. Hard work will win respect - as you know!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Sun merges with positive planets in a delightful manner, and will slowly but surely have a healing effect on partnerships which have suffered in the past. Romance will be stirring deep in your sensitive soul, so I hope that other people will be in a similar mood.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Once again, the Moon issues an emotional challenge, so other people's interests will come first. You have so far only glimpsed the depths of the commitment which someone is prepared to offer. Give them another chance. After all, partners have given you second chances in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If you want to avoid tedious chores, you'll have to make a complete break with routine. If, as seems likely, there are responsibilities you can't cancel, you must take life at a careful pace. Plus, you must also consider letting a friend into a secret - when you're ready.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Keep your eyes open for hidden developments which could affect your long-term future. There's much going on of which you are still only half aware, but which will have incredible consequences on your life over the next six months. And that's quite a thought!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Colourful social events are coming. However, you may receive an important item of news which requires a serious and well-considered response. You're tempted to rush decisions, but you should feel free to take your time. After all, more haste, less speed, as they say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's a useful day to consider serious long-term questions. Any news which arrives today is likely to have consequences which go beyond the purely personal, whatever seems to be the case at first sight. Somehow, even complete strangers may be involved in the unfolding pattern.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Close partners are beginning to lay off - and you might have an easier ride in future. You'd better take a look at your financial commitments, mainly because today you seem to have a better than average chance of hitting upon what needs to be done to guarantee future security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The tide is definitely flowing in your direction, although financial complications are inevitable, mainly because you are about to hit an extravagant phase. Small precautions will help: keep spare cash available and don't bite off more than you can chew.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Colleagues will be in a lively mood, although agreement may not be easily reached. The most difficult phase of the current cycle is over and, if you've prepared the ground, promised improvements will arrive sooner than expected. You'll breathe a sigh of relief - soon!

THE PHANTOM

WE'RE BOTH WORKING TONIGHT. THE CAFE HAS LIVE MUSIC ON SATURDAYS.
WE'RE ON AGAIN TOMORROW, TOO. FOR THE BREAKFAST CROWD.
WHAT LUCK! THAT TWO NEW POSITIONS SHOULD OPEN UP ON THE VERY DAY YOU APPLIED!
HA! LUCK! IT WAS THE LAST PHANTOM! THANKS, DAD!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

HOW IS THIS PERFUME?
THIS FRAGRANCE SAYS "LET'S GO OUT FOR DINNER AND DANCING"
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
IT SAYS "LET'S JUST FORGET THE DINNER AND DANCING"

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Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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6	2	3			1	5		
	5	1	7	6				
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		4				8		
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EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

3	2	5	9	1	4	6	7	8
8	7	1	2	3	6	4	9	5
6	4	9	5	7	8	1	2	3
5	8	3	1	6	9	7	4	2
1	9	2	7	4	3	5	8	6
4	6	7	8	5	2	3	1	9
9	1	4	6	8	5	2	3	7
2	3	6	4	9	7	8	5	1
7	5	8	3	2	1	9	6	4

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RYUMK

YOEGO

NLEDAT

RBYEAK

Sorry, I'm headed to the pool.
Maybe after I tour the bridge.
Can I interest either of you in a game?
HE WANTED TO PLAY CHESS BUT NEEDED TO GET AN OPPONENT

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○ ○○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VENUE BEEFY ICONIC VANISH
Answer: She didn't plan on purchasing a lottery ticket, but did it — "BUY" CHANCE

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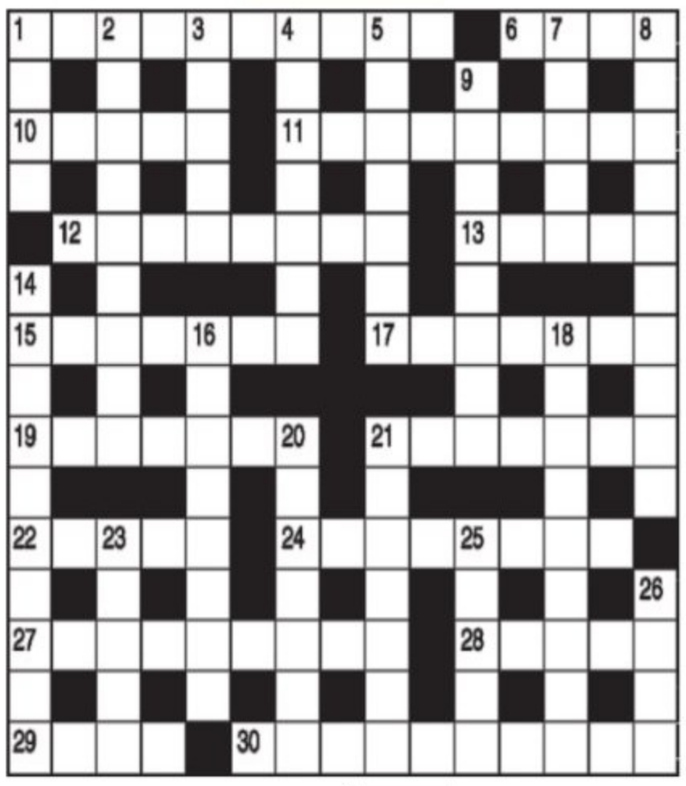
CROSS WORD



DOWN

1 It's made to measure (4)
2 Lost again maybe, and longing to get home (9)
3 Sensational piece of luck getting free (5)
4 Be a clumsy fat lover of Heloise (7)
5 They produce pictures around Chester (7)
7 Marie Louise embraces the spirit of Shakespeare (5)
8 Men of many parts (10)
9 Clear evidence of what a ship is carrying (8)
14 Not left out at the start, being outspoken (10)
16 They test metal for a ship, taking years perhaps (8)
18 Usual wish for a happy retirement? (4,5)
20 Fellow in no condition to work on a tough paper (7)
21 To argue about indecent behaviour (7)
23 Well up with inflation (5)
25 It's about time! (5)
26 A solar-powered cycle? (4)

1 Call the boss an instigator of trouble (10)
6 Nuts - crack almonds to start with (4)
10 He doesn't win in a close-run race (5)
11 Such a rite is suited to a solemn sacrament (9)
12 Playful recreation which takes a deal to get started (4,4)
13 Mails sorted for the Mohammedan world (5)
15 Wreck aground despite exercising caution (2,5)
17 Cunning action made with the French in view (7)
19 It may appear smart on the stern of a boat (7)
21 Hackneyed tour now reorganised (7)
22 Out of practice, but try us anyway (5)
24 Remasking upon a mixture of gin and tonic (8)
27 It sounds a beastly form of warfare (9)
28 Rascal with a strange love urge! (5)
29 Tom's first beer account (4)
30 Sex gene produces a criminal (10)

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BENGALURU INCREASES TESTING, HELPS DECREASE ACTIVE CASES

At 73%, K'taka capital's moving growth rate of testing higher than 5 other mega-cities in country

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BENGALURU, which is the worst-affected city in the country with a high number of Covid-positive cases, has been doing well in conducting tests and has increased testing by 73% over the last one month.

Between September 12 and October 12, among the six mega-cities that include Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Chennai, Bengaluru had the highest active cases of 23,982. But in the last one week, the city's active cases have fallen to 141 cases (reduced by 141), bringing down the seven-day moving growth rate (MGR) to zero per cent. Kolkata has active cases MGR at 13%, followed by Delhi at 4 %.

The 30-day MGR testing percentage is higher in Bengaluru as compared to five other mega-cities. Bengaluru has 73 per cent, followed by Delhi at 58 per cent, Mumbai 36 per cent and Ahmedabad and Chennai at 31%, stated a survey by Jeevan Raksha, an initiative of Proxima -- a management consultancy firm.

According to Sanjeev Mysore, convenor of Jeevan Raksha, the slight reduction in active cases is mainly due to higher number of testing in the city. "Bengaluru Urban, which was not doing sufficient testing back until July, has now increased it to 40,000-50,000 per day. Now higher number of testing has helped in tracing and treating patients early, reducing active cases. Once a patient's symptoms don't aggravate, chances of recovery are faster. With more recoveries, active cases reduce," he said.

It is important for Bengaluru to continue to bring down active cases which would eventually reduce Covid deaths. "Especially during the festive period and the last phase of complete opening, Bengaluru needs to be alert and sustain its performance," he said.

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>
> Randeep D, BBMP Public Health In-charge

BBMP Public Health In-charge, Randeep D, said that multiple efforts have helped in tracing more positive cases at early stages. "With more tests, we have focused on identifying more symptomatic patients and tracing their contacts faster. With increased testing, we are reaching a larger pool of people. Secondly, increasing the fine for not wearing masks and strictly enforcing the rules have helped in people following Covid guidelines. It has not brought in a major change but has definitely helped. About 65% of people are in home isolation and they are being monitored regularly.

Target: To bring down mortality rate to below 1%

Health workers collect samples at City Market on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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BENGALURU has seen a drastic fall in mortality rate, and a significant increase in Covid testing capacity -- 73 per cent -- in the past month, compared to other mega cities in India, Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar told media at a press conference.

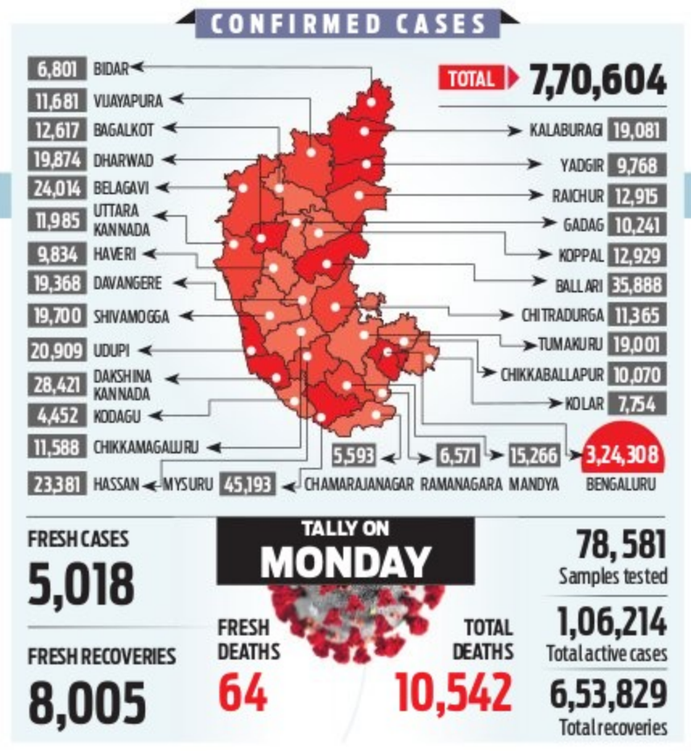
As of September 19, 13,20,000 tests were conducted in the city, and this number increased to 22,90,000 as of October 17.

"Currently, mortality rate is at 1.37 per cent, and we have the target to reduce it below 1 per cent in Karnataka. Mortality rate in Bengaluru is at 1.14 per cent, and we are very close to our target. Mortality rate can be reduced if tests are conducted at earlier stages, and treatment is administered soon. The virus is under control and there is a reduction in the number of infected persons," Sudhakar said.

The spike in the number of cases is due to increased testing, he said, adding that the next three months will be crucial for the state, owing to cold weather and rain.

Responding to a question, the minister said that there have been several complaints regarding middlemen blocking beds in private hospitals and trying to exploit patients. He said the government will take strict action against such miscreants and cancel the hospital's licence.

On the upcoming festival season, he said, "Chances of the infection spreading in winter and the festive season are higher. Kerala, which had succeeded in controlling the virus, is suffering now due to the mistakes during Onam," he said.



DyCM: Telemedicine to soon reach villages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

DEPUTY Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan has assured all support to the Mysuru-based Skanray Healthcare Company which wants to provide telemedicine facilities.

The Deputy CM visited the company on Monday and held discussions with a high-level team and said the state government plans to take telemedicine facilities to rural areas. He said the facilities will be extended in coordination with IT companies.

He said that the company had appealed to the government to lend support to open a telecommand centre in coordination with KEONICS to extend telemedicine facilities. "I am glad that Skanray has come forward to take telemedicine facilities to villages," he said.

He felt that other than the medical expertise, there was a need for supportive technology that would address the needs of the people during natural calamities and pandemic situations

He said the state government is dealing with the pandemic effectively and that there is no scarcity of masks, sanitizers, ventilators, testing kits, PPT kits as the government is getting them manufactured locally under the Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar programme.

He said Skanray is one of the leading companies in manufacturing ventilators. The government had placed an order for 1 lakh ventilators with it. Of these, 35,000 ventilators have already been supplied well before the deadline, he said.

Vishwaprasad Alwa, Managing Director, SkanRay, Meena Nagaraj, Director, Department of Information Technology, S N Siddaramappa, Managing Director, KEONICS, and other officials were present.

HC: Don't deny benefits for not installing Arogya Setu

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday clarified that neither the Central government nor the state government and their departments should deny benefits to citizens for not downloading the Arogya Setu App on their cellphones.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi clarified this during the hearing of a public interest litigation filed by Anivar A Anand, alleging that the Department of Personnel and Training, Central government, has mandated compulsory downloading of the app for its personnel.

The bench issued the clarification after a senior counsel representing the petitioner objected to the time sought once again by the Union government to file its response to the petition, though already an opportunity had been given.

In a lighter vein, the bench asked the Union government's counsel how can people download the app as even today many people don't have cellphones. "Therefore, clarify that no authority should deny benefits," the bench told the counsel.

The Central government's counsel orally submitted that the National Executive Committee under the Disaster Management Act already made it clear that downloading of the app is not mandatory.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri Narayan Lal and Sri Ketharam both are sons of Sri. Bhanwar Lal are intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule herein from its owner Sri V. Shashi Kumar S/o. Sri Venkatesh .R. The owner represents and warrants that he is the absolute owner of the schedule property and he has neither conveyed nor has entered into any agreement of sale / development agreement /memorandum of understanding nor any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale / transfer / development of the schedule property. The owner further represents that he has not encumbered, mortgaged, created any charge or lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him there are no other person/s, firm or company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having objections or claim/s, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claim/s **within 15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which, my clients shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction / Sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 196/1A1 measuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1950 Sq. Ft, Out of 14.08 guntas of property bearing Survey No. 196/1A1, Old No. 196/1 A, situated at Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, bounded on

East By : Survey No. 196/18, West By: Road, North By : Remaining property in Survey No. 196/1A1 belong to V. Shashi Kumar, South By : Private Property.

ANUPAMA .M.V, Advocate
No. G-5, Gokula Residency, Govinda Shetty Palya Road, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Bangalore-560 100. Phone: 9901423129

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri Naresh P, S/o Penchalaiah G. aged about 28 years, residing at 9/1, 4th Main , 8th Cross, Chinappa Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046. Is intended to purchase property bearing Site No: 150/2 measuring East to West 36 feet, and North to South 25 Feet. All in measuring 900 Sft. (Layout formed in Sy. 368 and 369). Situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Which is morefully described in the schedule herein under and herein after referred to as Schedule Property. From its' owner Sri G. ANBARSAN, Aged about 31 years, S/o Sri T. Gunasekaran, residing at No. 4/1, 4th Main, 8th Cross, Sir. M.V., Nagar, Ramamurthi Nagar, Bangalore. He has acquired the schedule property from Mr. Pravesh J. by way of absolute sale deed dated 09.12.2019. Registered as a document No: KRI-1-08189-2019-20 in Book No.1, C.D. No. KRID 881 in the office of Additional Sub Registrar, K.R.Puram Bangalore. Earlier entire Sy. No. 368 and 369 belongs to Mr. N. Muthurayappa @ Muthappa, he and his legal heirs executed a Sale deed in favor of Pravesh J.

In view of the above anyone who have claims in any manner of rights title interest charge over the schedule property or objections in what so ever manner for the propose purchase may lodge their objections with documentary proof with the undersigned. Within 7 (Seven) days from the date this publication and if the undersigned will not received any objections, it shall be presumed the schedule property is free from all sort of encumbrances, Claims, Mortgages, and obligations. And my client shall proceed to finalize the transaction of the sale.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Property bearing Site No. 150/2/ formed in Site No. 150 , Old Property No: 368, New Property No: 368/1, and Old Property No: 369 and New Property No: 369/2 Situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Now this property comes under jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 26. Bangalore Measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 25 feet in all measuring 900 Sft. and Property Being Bounded:

East by: Road formed in Site No. 150 , , West By: Site No : 149, North By: Site No 150/1 formed in Site No. 150 , South by : Site No 150/3 formed in Site No. 150 ,

Sd/- **B. MANJUNATH**, Advocate,
No.4, 3rd Floor, MSKS Building, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Mob: 7353294666 / 9513142566

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES TELANGANA

ADMISSION INTO MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) COURSE THROUGH COMPUTER BASED ENTRANCE TEST

Applications are invited for admission into MPH Course for the academic year 2020-21 in Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad from 21-10-2020 to 04-11-2020. For detailed notification and prospectus, refer to website http:knruhs.telangana.gov.in.

Dated: 19-10-2020 Sd/- **REGISTRAR**

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'Prasanna Enclave' 1st floor, No.30, Bharathi Avenue, Kotturpuram, Chennai-85

Admission for **Paramedical courses** – Management Quota 2020-21 session in unaided private colleges

The Committee to Regulate - Monitor the admissions of students to professional courses by the Self Financing Professional Arts & Science Colleges Vide proc.No.COA/Paramedical /212/ 2020 dated 16.10.2020 of the Committee to Regulate-Monitor the Admissions, Chennai - 25 authorizes this Association to prepare the General merit list for the management quota seats.

The Association invites application from the candidates.

Date of issue of application form	**: 21.10.2020**
Last date for issue of application form	**: 31.10.2020**
Last date for submission of application form	**: 02.11.2020**
Publication of Merit List	**: 10.11.2020**

Cost of Application form Rs.200/-. Application forms may be obtained between 10am & 4pm except Govt. Holidays from the respective Institutions, Association office and the Committee to regulate - monitor the admissions, F1-DOTE staff quarters, Guindy, Chennai-25.

The details can be obtained from the website: **www.tnppcahs.org** Tel: 044-24422211.

Dr.Ishari K.Ganesh, Secretary.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8 (1)

A/c No's: 0243675100029397 and 0202675100065803

Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **31-12-2019** calling upon the borrowers you, **Mr. K Vineel Kumar, and Mrs. Sandhya Kota** to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being **Rs. 32,27,129.87** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine & Paise Eighty Seven Only) as on 10-12-2019 + Applicable interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned have taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **17th day of October, 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank Limited, for an amount of **Rs.35,20,788.87** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight And Paise Eighty Seven Only) as on 10-10-2020 + Applicable interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A':- All that piece and parcel of portion of property bearing converted Survey Number 48, BBMP Katha No.440/48, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS/ALN:(E)SR (Krishnarajapuram Hobli):121/06-07, dated 26/11/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District}, situated at B.NARAYANAPURA Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 7 Guntas (7623 Sq.feet) with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Remaining portion of Land belonged to Mrs. Munithimmakka W/o. Obalaiah Uruf Oballappa; North by : Remaining Portion of Land belonged to Smt.Thimmakka; South by : Private Property, **SCHEDULE 'B' :-** 261 Sq.ft., undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above **SCHEDULE 'C':-** Flat bearing No.002, in Ground Floor, measuring about 1449 Sq.ft super built up area, containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, along with One covered car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "NANDI ENCLAVE" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Date : 17.10.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property) [Appendix IV under Act –rule-8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Canara Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.01.2020 calling upon the borrower **Shri Kanchivarada Agro Centre represented by its proprietor Vedavathi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 24,75,988/- as on 29.01.2020** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Since the concerned parties have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the owner of the property, other parties concerned and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **15th day of October of the year 2020.**

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The parties concerned in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank, Rajanukunte Branch, for an aggregate amount of **Rs. 26,99,130/-** as on 31.08.2020 and future interest and cost thereon from 01.09.2020 costs. etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OWNED BY VEDAVATHI PROPRIETOR OF SHRI KANCHIVARADA AGRO CENTER

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 7, katha No. 927/927/7, now under limits of Gramapanchayath Arekere and Situated in Marasandra village, Hesaraghatta hobli, Bengaluru north taluk measuring about East to west 60 feet and North to South 30 feet and totally measuring about 1800 sqft and same sital area consists of 8 squares RCC roofed house and 10 squares ACC Sheet house with having all the civic amenities and bounded on: East by: House belongs to Mudamma West by: Road, North by: House belongs to Marappa, South by: House belongs to Manjunath Previously Property belongs to Honnappa.

Date : 15.10.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER
CANARA BANK

ICMR-REGIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE
(Indian Council of Medical Research)
Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar - 751 023

Advt. No.: RMRC/MPH/2020/01 **Date: 15/10/2020**

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH): 2020-21

ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar engaged in advance research in Public Health, Biology, Nutrition, etc. invites applications from Indian nationals for two-year regular Master in Public Health (MPH) degree programme for the academic session 2020-21.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION: Bachelor degree holders of any institute/ University recognized by the UGC having secured at least 50% of marks in the relevant subject, such as Medicine, AYUSH, Dental Science, Allied Medical & Health Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Population Sciences/ Studies, Statistics, Biostatistics, Demography, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, Social Work, Public Health Engineering, Nutrition, Home Science, Community Sciences, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Management and Law.

Students appearing in the final degree examination can make a provisional application pending publication of results, subject to meeting minimum eligibility requirements at the time of interview. Admission to the course is based on the combined result of written test and/or interview through online/offline mode that will be communicated later.

HOW TO APPLY: Eligible candidates are required to apply to the **"Director, ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar -751023"** by Speed Post/ Regd. Post in the prescribed form by clicking the link available in the Website www.rmrcbbsr.gov.in & www.icmr.nic.in along with application fees of Rs. 600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only) in the form of demand draft in original drawn in any nationalized bank in favour of **"Director, RMRC"** payable at **Bhubaneswar**. The application fee for SC/ST candidates is Rs. 300/- only.

For details, about course fee & instructions, please visit our Website as above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION :

- **Availability of application form: 20th October, 2020.**
- **Last date for receipt of hard copy at RMRC, Bhubaneswar: 5th November, 2020**

Sd/-
Sr. Administrative Officer
for Director

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE(W&M)/HSN/EE(O)/DCA/AEE-(C)/2020-21/2471-75 Dated16-10-2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids from eligible bidders on Electronic mode for the following civil works against the following bid enquiry numbers.

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2020-21/14 for conducting block leveling with contour surveying and Geo Tech Survey for the proposed 110/11kV sub-station at Aggunda (Sulekere) village, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District.

2) Bid Enquiry No.KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2020-21/15 for conducting block leveling with contour surveying and Geo Tech Survey for the proposed 66/11kV sub-station at Somanahally village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.

3) Bid Enquiry No.KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2020-21/16 for conducting block leveling with contour surveying and Geo Tech Survey for the proposed 66/11kV sub-station at Heragu village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.

4) Bid Enquiry No.KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2020-21/17 for providing stone slabs and other allied works at MWD stores Hassan in Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.

5) Bid Enquiry No.KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2020-21/18 for providing services of Housekeeping Helpers, Cook and Caretakers (Maity) for maintenance of KPTCL Guest House at Hassan in Hassan District.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 5.00 PM on 20-10-2020**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (W & M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Santhepete, B.M.Road, Hassan - 573 201.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **16.05.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors **(1) Mr. Ravi Kumar V, S/o Mr. Venkataramaiah, (2) Mrs. Sireesha V, W/o Mr. Ravi Kumar V, Both 1 & 2 are addressed at:** No.29, Block No.10, 249 CHS, 2nd Cross, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Urban - 560064, to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **₹44,43,826.00 [Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six Only]** i.e **₹26,83,372.00** under **TL A/c No.9097001600008201** along with future interest from **07.05.2020, ₹3,30,255.00** under **TL A/c No.9097001600011501** along with future interest from **19.04.2020** and **₹14,30,199.00** under **PSOD A/c No.9097000600005301** along with future interest from **01.04.2020** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ mortgagors and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on this **17th day of October - 2020.**

The borrowers/mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein below and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Yelahanka New Town Branch** for an aggregate amount of **₹39,16,750.00 [Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only]** i.e **₹25,32,488.00** under **TL A/c No.9097001600008201** along with future interest from **07.10.2020, ₹1,48,596.00** under **TL A/c No.9097001600011501** along with future interest from **19.09.2020** and **₹12,35,666.00** under **PSOD A/c No.9097000600005301** along with future interest from **01.10.2020,** plus costs.

[The Borrower's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Properties

I) All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.15/5, measuring BA of 657.00 Sq.ft (SBA of 658 Sq.ft), with 1/3 UDS in the land measuring 130.58 Sq.mtrs, in the second floor, Block No.5 of the residential apartment known as "KHB Apartments" constructed on property bearing Municipal No.3630/13/5, MIG-B, 249 CHS Block No.5, situated at 5th Phase, KHB Apartments, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 belonging to Mr.Ravi Kumar V & Mrs.Sireesha V.

Boundaries of Flat: East: Staircase & Terrace of Flat No.14/5, **West:** MIG-B-SF Road Below, **North:** Flat No.12/4, MIG-B-SF, **South:** Flat No.18/6 MIG-B-SF.

Boundaries of Building: As per Deed - East: Bus Bay, **West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

Actual - East: Vacant Land, **West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

II) All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.14/5, measuring BA of 660.00 Sq.ft, with 1/3 UDS in the land measuring 130.58 Sq.mtrs, in the first floor, Block No.5 of the residential apartment known as "KHB Apartments" constructed on property bearing Municipal No.3630/13/5, MIG-B, 249 CHS Block No.5, situated at 5th Phase, KHB Apartments, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru 560064 belonging to Mr.Ravi Kumar V & Mrs.Sireesha V.

Boundaries of Flat: East: Staircase & Terrace of Flat No.13/5 MIG-B-GF; West : Road (Below), **North:** Flat No.11/4, MIG-B-FF, **South:** Flat No.17/6 MIG-B-FF.

Boundaries of Building: As per Deed - East: Bus Bay, **West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

Actual - East : Vacant Land, **West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

III) All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.13/5, measuring BA of 643.00 Sq.ft, with 1/3 UDS in the land measuring 130.58 Sq.mtrs, in the ground floor, Block No.5 of the residential apartment known as "KHB Apartments" constructed on property bearing Municipal No.3630/13/5, MIG-B, 249 CHS Block No.5, situated at 5th Phase, "KHB Apartments" Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru 560064 belonging to Mr.Ravi Kumar V & Mrs.Sireesha V.

Boundaries of Flat: East: Set Back Space, **West:** Road (Below), **North:** Flat No.10/4 MIG-B-GF, **South:** Flat No.16/6 MIG-B-GF .

Boundaries of Building: As per Deed - East: Bus Bay, **West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

Actual - East: Vacant Land,**West:** Road, **North:** Block 4, **South:** Block No.6.

Place: Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru
Date: 17.10.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi said on Monday that people in the flood-affected villages of Raichur are hesitating to shift to rehabilitation centers due to the lack of infrastructure facilities

RAIN DAMAGE TOUCHES ₹3K CR, CM TO ASK PM FOR MORE RELIEF

10 dead; Revenue minister says it's a challenge to handle floods, Covid simultaneously

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Revenue Minister R Ashoka holds a meeting with officials on the flood situation, in Belagavi on Monday

INCESSANT rains and flooding along the banks of rivers Bhima and Krishna over the last one week have left 10 persons dead, said Revenue Minister R Ashoka. Speaking to media persons in Belagavi on Monday after visiting Kalaburagi and , Ashoka said the damage in the flood-affected regions so far has been estimated at ₹3,000 crore.

More than 8,000 people have been evacuated to care/relief centres, he said. Ashoka added that some 100 heads of cattle have been reported dead. "It is a challenging job for the government to tackle Covid and the floods simultaneously. The government is trying its best to address every issue effectively," he said.

Denying opposition allegations that funds were not being released for relief centres, Ashoka said there was no shortage of funds. "At least Rs 88 crore is available in the account of Belagavi Deputy Commissioner. Every taluk in the district which is affected can avail it. Besides, there is a Rs 20 crore fund set aside for Kalaburagi, Rs 16 crore for Yadagiri, Rs 33 crore fund to Bagalkot, Rs 68 crore to Kodagu. Totally, Rs 666 crore are available in the accounts of all deputy commissioners in the affected districts," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa who was in Shivamogga on Monday said that he would speak to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over compensation after his aerial survey on October 21. "After completing the aerial survey, I will inform the PM about the losses and seek more funds for relief measures. The disbursement of compensation to those who lost home and land is already in progress," he said.

Leader of opposition Siddaramaiah reminded the government that no aid has been given by the Centre for the damage caused due to rains in August. The damage caused due to heavy rains, flooding and landslides in August was estimated at Rs 8,060 crore and the State government had sought an assistance of Rs 4,000 crore from the Union government. Even after a central team reviewed the flood damage in September, no aid has been announced by the Union government so far, he said.

Even as rescue operations are under way, the IMD on Monday predicted 'moderate' to 'isolated heavy rains' in the upper and lower basins of Bhima and upper and middle basins of Krishna rivers during the next three days till October 22.

BYPOLL BATTLE

31 left in Sira, RR Nagar fray

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A total of 31 candidates remained in the fray in two assembly constituencies — RR Nagar and Sira — for November 3 bypolls, after six candidates withdrew from the contest on Monday.

RR Nagar assembly segment in Bengaluru, that is likely to witness a direct contest between BJP candidate N Muniratna and Congress' H Kusuma, will have 16 candidates in the fray, including JDS candidate V Krishnamurthy.

Interestingly, a person named Muniratna, who was among the four candidates and had filed nomination as an Independent candidate, withdrew from the contest on Monday. The other three who withdrew their nominations are Muniratnamma, Anandan C, and R Kumar.

In Sira, the constituency that is set to witness a three-cornered contest between the ruling BJP, Congress and the JDS, will have 15 candidates in the fray. While the BJP is hoping to win Sira for the first time, the Congress seems to be confident of making a comeback of losing it by around 10,000 votes in 2018 elections.

The JDS is fighting to retain the seat by riding on the sympathy wave. The bypoll in the constituency was necessitated after JDS MLA B Sathyanarayana's death. The regional party has fielded his wife Ammajamma as its candidate against BJP's Dr CM Rajesh Gowda and Congress' TB Jayachandra.

Fringe candidates could queer the Sira pitch for big players

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@Tumakuru

WITH the battlelines drawn for the Sira bypoll, 15 candidates remained in the fray after two candidates withdrew their nominations on Monday. The three major parties — Congress, BJP, and JDS — are calculating as to who could be the jokers in the pack.

During the 2018 polls, T B Jayachandra (63,973) of the Congress lost to JDS's late B Sathyanarayana (74,338 votes) by a margin of 10,365 votes. Independent candidate C M Nagaraju alone grabbed 14,468 votes.

In the Lok Sabha polls, Congress-JDS alliance candidate H D Deve Gowda (5,82,788 votes) lost by a margin of 13,339 votes to G S Basavaraju (5,96,127 votes) of the BJP, and CPI candidate N Shivanna grabbed 17,227 votes — mostly of the labour class — which could have gone to either JDS or Congress.

This time, the CPI has fielded Gireesh, Karnataka Rashtra Samithi, a newly floated outfit, has fielded Obaleshappa B T, Republic Sene has Premakka as candidate, and Raitha Bharata Party has fielded Thimmakka.

Yalepanahalli Jayanna, former supporter of former Deputy chief minister Dr G Parameshwara, and BJP candidate Dr CM Rajesh Gowda's father CP Mudalagiriappa are also in the fray.

All three parties, especially the Congress and BJP, had tried to get some of the candidates who pose a threat to withdraw nomination papers, but in vain. Only two candidates did — Thimmaraj Gowda, who claims to be a representative of groundnut growers, and minority youth leader Nisar Ahmed.

The only respite for Jayachandra is that Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) did not field its candidate, and at the last minute, the JDU, with former Chief Minister J H Patel's son Mahima Patel as state president, did not field its candidate.

Sudhakar holds meet, takes stock of disease spread in flood-hit districts

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HEALTH Minister **K Sudhakar** on Monday held a video conference with district officials of Kalaburagi, Bagalakot, Koppal, Yadgir, Belagavi and Vijayapura, which have been hit by heavy rain and floods.

"Measures are being taken to prevent the spread of diseases, including Covid-19, dengue, chikungunya and Japanese Encephalitis. Clean drinking water, hygienic food, masks, hand washing facilities, sanitiser and social distancing is being ensured in rehabilitation centres for rescued persons. Elderly women, children below 5 years, pregnant women and other vulnerable categories are being placed in PHCs, CHCs and taluk hospitals and their health is monitored closely. Mobile PHC units will be stationed at large rehab centres," Sudhakar explained.

He interacted with Deputy Commissioners, ZP CEOs and health officers of the six districts. "Kalaburagi is the worst-affected district with more than 150 villages being surrounded by water, and people of 50 villages have been shifted to safer places. A total of 23,250 people have been evacuated to government care centres in the district. In Vijayapura district, 27 villages are affected, one person died and 1,861 people were evacuated to care centres. There is no need for relief centres in other districts," he said.

On the spread of communicable diseases, Dr Sudhakar said that compared to last year, dengue, chikungunya and other diseases are under control in these districts this year.

Siddaramaiah politicising flood situation, says DyCM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister **Ashwath Narayan** on Monday accused former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of politicising the flood situation in the state. "Siddaramaiah has no right to attack the government as his own government had failed to manage the drought situation in the state," he added.

Speaking to media persons here, he said all states have accepted the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) norms and the Centre has sent funds as per the guidelines. He wanted to know how much the Congress leaders had contributed when the UPA government was in power.

The Deputy CM said BJP will win both the RR Nagar and Sira bypolls as people want a stable government.

"People are fed up with the Congress-JD(S) coalition that failed to make use of the opportunity," he added.

The DyCM said the UGC has come out with an advisory for state governments on reopening of colleges.

"We are busy with the preparations and want to reopen colleges at the earliest. All colleges want to start offline classes," he added.

He said the government would leave no stone unturned to implement the NEP from 2021 and hinted that they were working on this for the past eight months.

Rajesh Gowda came to my father for Cong ticket: Yathindra

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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CLP leader Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra campaigns in Sira on Monday

VARUNA MLA Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah, who is in Sira to campaign for party candidate T B Jayachandra, has to contend with friend and former business partner Dr Rajesh Gowda as BJP candidate.

"In politics, we cannot help campaigning against friends. Because of him, I may be the centre of attraction in the Sira bypoll," he smiled, adding that Gowda had approached his father, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, for the Congress ticket. His request was turned down and he was advised to work for the party, as Jayachandra is a veteran and carries clout in the region.

"I never expected him to join the BJP. For me, my party and ideology is paramount, rather than a friend," said Yathindra. Asserting that the Congress will win Sira, Yathindra said, "People are aware of the misrule of the BJP, corruption and anti-farmer bills. The bypoll outcome will come as a warning to the government."

Though traditionally, Sira saw a Congress versus JDS battle, this time the BJP appears to have a better chance, especially as the party has thrown its weight behind the candidate, and Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra is hoping to repeat a KR Pete here.

Besides, the JDS campaign seems to have lost steam even before it began, as the candidate, Ammajamma, is still in isolation.

Yathindra said with just half the assembly term remaining, even if Rajesh Gowda wins, he wouldn't be able to do justice to the constituency as he is yet to understand the issues here. By contrast, Jayachandra knows the constituency, he added.

He claimed he is not in Sira to prove a point, but had been assigned the campaign responsibility of a Gram Panchayat, and would also visit RR Nagar. Asked about political rallies in times of Covid, he said that as a doctor he would advise leaders to stick to digital campaigning, and take utmost precautions.

Lab tender row

The friendship between Yathindra and Gowda is a talking point in Sira. The company they had set up, Matrix Imaging Solutions, had sparked off a controversy after bagging a tender to start a lab in a government hospital premises, when Siddaramaiah was CM. Yathindra had resigned as director of the company.

"The tender was legal, but I quit in the interest of my father, and have no share or partnership in the company. Rajesh and I used to work with Focus Laboratory in Bengaluru before launching Matrix." They are now together in politics, but on opposing sides. Asked if he would continue in politics, he said, "As long as people want me to serve them, I will be here. If my father becomes CM again, I will be happy."

Maharashtra officials gave wrong info on release of water, says Savadi

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Jewargi MLA Dr Ajay Singh and Afzalpur MLA MY Patil visit flood-affected areas along the Bhima river on Monday | EXPRESS

IRRIGATION officials from Maharashtra have been giving wrong information to the Karnataka government on release of water from Ujjani and Veer dams in Maharashtra into the Bhima and Krishna rivers, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is also Raichur district in-charge minister, told reporters here on Monday.

"Irrigation officials of Maharashtra informed us that 8.5 lakh cusecs of water is being discharged from Ujjani and Veer dams into Bhima river for three days. However, the flow in the Bhima is about 3.5 lakh cusecs, and about 1 lakh cusecs in Krishna. Where has the remaining water gone?"

Savadi said he discussed the matter with the Maharashtra irrigation minister, and the latter assured him that he would look into it.

During the monsoon, or whenever Maharashtra releases a huge quantity of water into the Bhima or Krishna rivers, Gurjapur village in Raichur district gets flooded. "To find a proper solution to this, I have asked the Raichur Assistant Commissioner to hold a grama sabha in Gurjapur and submit a report after taking the opinion of villagers," he added.

After visiting Gurjapur bridge-cum-barrage where the Krishna and Bhima rivers meet, Savadi said there is a difference of opinion among villagers of Gurjapur about shifting to a higher place.

NOT A HAPPY TOY STORY

With BIS made mandatory, Centre toys with Channapatna manufacturers' future

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WITH the Union government making Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) certification mandatory for toys, artisans and families dependent on them in 'Toy town' of Channapatna fear for their future. As per the Union Ministry of Commerce, toy manufacturers have time till January 1, 2021 to get BIS certification. But industry insiders, as well as opposition leaders, warn that the move will be disastrous for traditional craftsmen who have depended on toy making for centuries in Channapatna.

Channapatna toymakers and distributors are already struggling to stay afloat after GST on toys was hiked from 5.5% to 12% suddenly followed by the more disastrous Covid-19 lockdown.

"Artisans in Channapatna are not computer savvy but the BIS certification process is online. Worse is the fact that there is not a single BIS laboratory in South India. We have to send samples to labs in North India for testing because pre-testing has to happen in a laboratory following which we will get a BIS certification. The initial testing costs itself will come up to Rs 2 lakh per family of toymakers. This is excluding yearly re-assessments, repeat testing of toys etc," said Sreekala Kadidal, Independent Director, Channapatna Crafts Park. She added that the exercise will adversely impact more than 2,000 artisans and their families.

The Centre's move to make BIS certification mandatory is aimed at weeding out Chinese toys from the market and enhancing toy exports, but industry insiders believe given the nature of the sector, the move may cause more damage.

"The wooden toys segment is very small involving artisans from the lowest rung of the economy. This is not the way to be competing with China. We are GI tagged and a simple process of putting logos on these toys should suffice," said Kadidal.

"Toys in Channapatna, especially non-electric ones, are manufactured by family members or with not more than 10 employees. They cannot afford to get these certifications. It is better for the government to step in and club units or allow distributors to get the certification," said K B Arasappa, president of KASSIA.

In its fee structure for certification of toys, BIS has divided them into just two categories – electric and non-electric. While the application, renewal application and annual licence fees are Rs 1,000 each, the annual marketing fee is set at Rs 59,000 for non-electric toys and Rs 88,000 for electric toys just for micro industries and much more for small scale and large-scale industries.

Channapatna MLA and former CM H D Kumaraswamy tweeted on Monday: "Poor artisans will have to spend thousands of rupees on getting certification...This decision spells doom for cottage industry. I urge the Union government to withdraw this decision," Kumaraswamy tweeted on Monday.

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> Sreekala Kadidal, Independent Director, Channapatna Crafts Park

Judge hearing drug case gets 'letter bomb'

Sender threatens to blow up justice's car if Ragini, Sanjjanaa not released immediately

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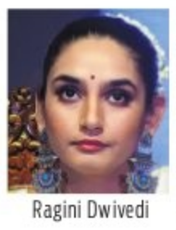
PANIC gripped the City Civil and Sessions Court after the Judge of the Special Court for NDPS cases received a threat letter along with a detonator-like object through a post on Monday afternoon. The letter sender demanded that actresses Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani arrested in the Sandalwood drug case and "innocents" arrested in connection with the DJ Halli riots case be released immediately.

The police said that the court received a postal cover addressed to Judge GM Sheenappa and it was delivered to him.


Ragini Dwivedi

When he opened it, he found the threat letter along with a small detonator-like object with wires. The judge immediately asked his staff to alert the police.

Soon, sniffer dog and bomb detection squads were pressed into service. The police are still examining the object.

Sources said that the letter sender has threatened the judge with dire consequences if Dwivedi, Galrani and "innocent people" arrested in the DJ Halli riots case are not released immediately. "He has threatened to blow up the judge's car using explosives and kill him if the demand is not met. He has also said Police Commissioner Kamal Pant and other senior officers will face similar consequences," an official said.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said that a case was registered at the Halasur Gate police station. It is said that similar letters have been sent to Kamal Pant and other senior officers, but the police did not confirm this.

"We have taken the case seriously and whoever is behind this will be traced and arrested. We have formed special teams to catch the miscreant soon," an officer said.

Vision NEET Academy honoured 650 students from Kannada-medium schools across the state who topped the exams, in Bengaluru recently. Among the students, B G Akash from Jamakhandi (Rank 47) and T B Verchas from Mysuru (Rank 564), were honoured by academy chairman Ramamohan Reddy, director Laxmi Reddy, and principal Brahmaiah

IMA scam: Three cops suspended

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THE state government has issued orders suspending three police officers as they were named accused in the chargesheet submitted by the CBI recently, in connection with the I-Monetary Advisory (IMA) scam.

EB Sridhara, the then DySP in the CID, M Ramesh, the then police inspector of Commercial Street police station, and P Gowrishankar, the then police sub-inspector of Commercial Street station, are the three suspended officers.

The state government has issued orders suspending the three officers on October 17, pending Joint Departmental Enquiry against the trio. The officers have been accused of protecting the interests of Mohammed Mansoor Khan, the MD of IMA, instead of protecting the interest of investors and depositors. They allegedly submitted improper enquiry reports and recommended no actions against IMA and as a quid-pro-quo, received bribes/ valuable things from IMA.

Wear helmet or lose your driving licence

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE Transport Department has recently sent an internal notification to its officers reminding them on violations regarding the helmet rule in the state. The notice clarifies that those without helmets will have to pay a fine of ₹500 as well as have their driving licence suspended for three months.

"The new Motor vehicle Act was effective from September 1 last year. But there is a lack of enforcement on the ground and awareness. The notification was sent to inform all the officers that both punishments apply to the violation and for both the rider as well as the pillion rider," said N Shivakumar, Transport Commissioner.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic (North) Sajeeth V J said, "The traffic police do not have the power to suspend licence, they have to write to the RTO offices for DL suspension."According to a traffic inspector, more than 1,000-2,000 licences are sent for suspension. Over 20.7 lakh violators have been booked by the Bengaluru Traffic Police until September 31 along with 12.5 lakh pillion riders without helmet.

The New Indian Express had earlier reported that in just seven days, from September 13 to 19, the police booked 48,141 cases, collecting Rs 2,14,38,000. More than 50 per cent of these cases were booked for helmetless riding.

Nurse files sexual abuse case against doc

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

A 19-year-old operation theatre technician has filed a police complaint against the director of Family Hospital in Mathikere, Dr C M Parameshwara, for allegedly sexually abusing her.

The victim has stated in her complaint, filed at the Basavanagudi Women's Police Station, that she started working with Dr Parameshwara in 2019. She said, "Initially, he started with intentional touches and rubbing hands while exchanging files. Later, he started messaging at midnight and even making calls to get closer. I blocked his number twice. I continued working at the hospital because of the Covid situation and financial crunch."

She said that she had sought help when the doctor allegedly made sexual advances, and has provided a CCTV footage to the police to prove her case.

"This is an eye-opener where an internal complaints committee was not formed and authorities have not taken steps against the organisation for an undisclosed reason. It is shocking that the victim was routinely subjected to sexual harassment and abuse over a long period of time," said Ayantika Mondal, a Karnataka High Court advocate who is representing the victim.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Harish Pandey said that two other women from the hospital have complained of sexual harassment. "The first victim and another employee are acting as witnesses. The hospital too has said that there were complaints against them. We are verifying the incident under Section 164 and waiting for a court statement," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mr. G.Ramadas S/o Ganapathi, Aged about 56 years, R/a No.27, 1st Cross, 5th Main, Malagala, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072. I have lost original Sale Deed dated:05.12.1987 bearing the register No.4157/1987-88, Book No.1, Volume No.1802, Page No.54-57. Further I have also lodged e-complaint with Bengaluru Police on 19.10.2020. If found please Contact: Mr. G.Ramadas, Mob:8904144239.

Property Address: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 1927/8, measuring 40x82 totally measuring 3280 Sq feet, situated at Vinayaka Badavane, 3rd Cross, Davanagere.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Jayashree Prabhanjan,** W/o Dr.V. Prabhanjanacharya, has negotiated and are intending for purchase of the schedule property of **Smt.T.A Vijaya.** Any person or persons or any statutory bodies having any kind of rights. title or claim over the schedule property or documents or against the owner thereof shall write to the undersigned with all the relevant documentary proof within **15 days** of publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with the negotiation for purchase of schedule property. Any claims or objections received after **15 days** of publication will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable **property bearing No.92/27, 3rd Cross, Mount Joy Extension, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560019,** (Formerly # 92 in Sy.No.31 & 32 of Sunkenahalli) measuring 40ft x 60ft (P1D No.53-124-27) bounded by : **East : Site No.93, West : Site No.91, North : Site No.77, South : Road.**

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This is to inform the general Public that my Client has intend to enter into Joint development with the schedule property from his present owner **Sri M Vajrappa** who has acquired the same under Partion Deed 05-08-2002 which is registered as document no 7814-2002-2003of book 1 in the office of Sub Registrar Kengeri Bangalore.

Any person having or claiming any manner of right, title, claim, lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with the documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 1 weeks** from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

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Notice Inviting Tender

e- Tenders are invited for the following work in Single Stage Two Cover system as detailed below.

The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), invites on-line tender for available in online www.tntenders.gov.in towards on 06.11.2020

File Name of the Work	Value of Work	Cost of Tender Document and EMD
(1) SWM.C.No.A7/3041/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining (Package 1)	5797.93 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.57.98 lakhs
(2) SWM.C.No.A7/3042/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining (Package 2)	6149.59 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.61.50 lakhs
(3) SWM.C.No.A7/3043/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining (Package 3)	5076.87 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.50.77 lakhs
(4) SWM.C.No.A7/3044/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining (Package 4)	5036.06 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.50.36 lakhs
(5) SWM.C.No.A7/3045/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining (Package 5)	5034.01 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.50.34 lakhs
(6) SWM.C.No.A7/3046/2020 Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biomining and Construction of Interim Landfill site (Package 6)	7673.31 lakhs	Rs.20,000/- +12% GST EMD Rs.76.73 lakhs

Pre Bid Meeting	12th November 2020, 11.00 A.M
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	25th November 2020, 03.00 P.M
Bid Opening Date and Time	26th November 2020, 04.00 P.M

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
In the matter of Maxworth Orchards (India) Limited
(in Provisional Liquidation)

SALE NOTICE

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated 25.09.2020 and 12.10.2020 in C.A.No. 58 of 2020 in C.P. No.57 of 1998 sealed Tender covers are invited from the intending purchasers by the undersigned for the purchase of the land belonging to M/s. Maxworth Orchards (India) Limited (in provisional Liquidation) situated at the places more fully described in the schedule as per ANNEXURE - 'A' hereunder, on **"As is where is and whatever there is condition" and no complaint basis.**

DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Sl. No.	Name of the Max - Project for sale	Name of the village, land where located	Location Taluk & District	Extent of land available for sale (in acres)	Upset Price in Rs.	EMD (10% of the upset price)	Date and time of inspection
1	Max - Bogasandiram	Erudhukottai	Denkanikottai Taluk & Krishnagiri Dist.	78.75	Guide line value of respective Survey Numbers are given in Annexure-'A'	10% of the guide line value	02.11.2020 till 4 pm
2	Max - Karandapally	Karandapally		56.06			

Cost of Tender Form is **Rs.1,500/- (Non-refundable / Not adjustable)**

Duly signed Tender Form with interest free EMD @ 10% on the upset price in the form of a Demand Draft in a sealed cover should be submitted before the **O/o. THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR, HIGH COURT, MADRAS** on or before 19.11.2020.

EMD amount by way of Demand Draft should be drawn in any Nationalised Bank in favour of the Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras.

Last date of submission of Tenders: 19.11.2020

Date of opening: 20.11.2020 in this Office of the official Liquidator at 4 pm (Address given below)

The inspection expenses shall be borne exclusively by the intending bidders.

For details of properties such as Survey Numbers, Upset price in ANNEXURE-'A', Terms and conditions of sale and other events, intending purchasers may kindly visit this office website www.olchennai.in / www.mca.gov.inor call on this office on any working day.

DATED AT CHENNAI THIS THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

Sd/- (Dr. K.Thirumalaimuthu)
Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras.

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physicalpossession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Muniraja M (Borrower) Mrs. Jyothi (Co-Borrower) (LBMYS00004568035)	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Site No.15 And 16, Katha No. 390/15, Formed Out Of Converted Land Bearing Survey No. 85/3, Situated At Hosahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Karnataka. Site No. 15: 1200 Sft Site No. 16: 1200 Sft	Rs. 31,06,102/- (as on October 09, 2019)	Rs. 11,05,000/- / Rs. 1,05,000/-	October 28, 2020 From- 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	November 20, 2020 From- 01.00 PM To 02:00 P.M.

The online auction will be conducted on website **(URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **November 19, 2020** before**10:00 AM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder (s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore – 560068/ ICICI Bank Ltd No. 33, 2nd cross, CSI Layout on BH Road, Tumukuru, Karnataka Pin 57210 2**and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **November 19, 2020** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder (s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **November 18, 2020** before **05:00PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **7349439879/ 8008999536** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** on **9810029926/ /9008153492**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd have** also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: October 20, 2020
Place: Tumkur

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1 - BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road
Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 025

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SALE PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52/21 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993.
D.C.P No. 10509 IN OA No. 870/2012
Canara Bank (E-Syndicate Bank) Verus P. Dinesh

To,
1. **Mr. Dinesh P**
No.17/1A, Flat No.1107, 1st Floor, Anagha Peridot Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Near Families Super Market, Bangalore.
2. **Mrs. Kavitha Dinesh**
W/o P Dinesh, No. 17/1A, Flat No.1107, 1st Floor, Anagha Peridot Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Near Families Super Market, Bangalore.
3. **Mr. Govindaraja A**
S/o Late Armugam, No. 12, II Main Road, 11th Cross, Vittalnagar, Bangalore-560026 **.....Certificate Debtors**

The undermentioned property will be sold by online e-auction through the website https://drt.auctiontiger.net on **19.11.2020** for recovery of an amount of **Rs 2,54,31,457.72/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Four Lakhs Thirty one Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven and Paisey Seventy Two only) as on 30-09-2020** along with future interest and costs thereon till realization. The future interest is chargeable at the same rate till realization of the debt as per Recovery Certificate in **O.A No.870/2012**

SCHEDULE A & B [Lot No. 1 & 2]

Date and Time of Auction	On 19.11.2020 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Reserve Price	Rs. 69,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 6,90,000/-
Increment Amount	Rs. 50,000/-
Last Date of Submission of Bid	17.11.2020

Lot No. 1

All the piece and parcel of immovable property belonging to Defendants I & II **bearing No. 1, Old Khata No. 262**, New CMC Khata No.23 situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk measuring East to West: [80+32)/2ft and North to South 21 ft bounded on the **East by :** Property No. 3&4, **West by :** 25At Road, **North by** : Private Property, **South by** : Remaining Portion Of Site No. 1 sold to AGovindaraj

Lot No.2

Southern portion of property bearing No.26, CMC Khata No. 21 formed under **Sy No. 261/1 and 2651/2** of at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk measuring **East to West** : [30+37)/2 = 33.5ft and **North to South** : 26+0/2= 13ft bounded on the: **East by** : Private Property, **West by** : 25 ft Road, **North by** : Remaining Portion Of Site No.26, **South by** : Portion Of Site No. 1

For Terms and Conditions of sale visit the **website https://drt.auctiontiger.net** of service provider **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)**, Ahmedabad, **[Contact No.079402308 10/8117/12) Contact Person: Mr. Manohar, Mob: 7353931866 Email ID: Karnataka@auctiontiger.net and support@auctiontiger.net**

Contact details of Officer of Bank: **Sri. Raviprasad Naik,** Asst General Manager, ARM Branch, J.C Road, Bangalore-560002 Ph: 080 22485024/22485027, Mobile No. 9449860166, Email ID: **armb.bangalore@syndicate.co.in** for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property.

Given under my hand and seal on 16th Day of October 2020.

[Rajasekharan. R]
Recovery Officer-1
DRT-I, Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client K.LOKESH, S/o Late Krishnappa, aged about 47 years, residing at No.69, Nagareshwara Nagenahalli village, K.R.Puram Hobli, SRK Post, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru-560077, has lost the title deeds in respect of land bearing Sy.No. 19/18, measuring 1 acre 8 guntas, Sy.No.19/19, measuring 0.33 gunta & Sy.No. 19/20, measuring 0.14 guntas, situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk i.e original sale deed dated 29-07-1969, document No.1960/1967-68, original sale deed dated 01-05-1969, Document No.560/1969-70, Original sale deed dated 27-08-1975, Document No.2556/1975-76, near Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, bus stop on 01-09-2020, at about 11: 30 AM, and inspite of his best efforts my client did not find the above said original documents. In this regard my client has sworn to a affidavit before the notary public on 03-10-2020 and lodged a police complaint before the Kothanur Police Station. If anyone has found the above said original documents, please inform to the under mentioned address. There is no loan, litigation or claim in respect of Sy.No.19/18, measuring 1 acre 18 guntas of Nagareshwara Nagenahalli village, and the said land is free from all encumbrances.

K. VIJAY KUMAR, Advocate,
623, 2nd Floor, Above Prakash Photo Studio, Avenue Road,
Bengaluru-560002. M-9880210142.
Dt: 17-10-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client, **D. Malleshwar** S/o D. Veeraiah, R/at No.33, 7th Main, Saraswathipuram, Nandini Layout, Bangalore 560096 is the owner of the Property bearing No.319, situated in Pattangere Village, Bangalore South Taluk formed by REMCO (BHEL) Society which is morefully mentioned hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property. My client notifies the general public that he had lost the original Sale deed dated 24.09.1999 Registered as document No.BNG(U)-KNGR/5623/1999-2000 in the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Kengeri Bangalore. My Client had also lodged a complaint before the Jnanabharathi Police is this regard. If any person/s finds the said document please inform the above stated person or address mentioned below.

SCHEDULE

All the part and parcel of Site bearing No.319, situated in Pattanagere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, formed by REMCO (BHEL) House building Co-Op Society Ltd measuring from East to West 30 ft, North to South 49+50/2 ft, bounded on : **East by:** Site No.318, **West by:** Site No.320, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

PUTTASWAMY, Advocate
No.2458/2, 7th B Main, Hampinagar,
Bangalore 560104. Mobile: 9945392664.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Mr. Selvam MPT , Aged about 42 Years , S/o Late Thangavelu MP , Residing at No.103, Santhosh Apartment, 4/5th Cross Munithayappa Layout, Lingarajapuram Bangalore -560084,** is intencing to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.Prakash Palani Aged about 50 Years S/o Mr. S.Palani Residing at House No.37/26, Meanee Avenue, Tank Road Halasuru Bnagalce-560042,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a residential vacant Site bearing No.37, 38, 39 and 40, the layout named as **SRI SAI ENCLAVE** carved out of Sy.No.290, measuring 2 acre, **Situated at Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, SITE NO.37** Measuring East to West 48.5 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all Measuring 1455 Square feet, **SITE NO.38** Measuring East to West 48.9 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all Measuring 1467 Square feet, **SITE NO.39** Measuring East to West 48.8 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all Measuring 1464 Square feet, and **SITE NO.40,** Measuring East to West 47.4 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all Measuring 1422 Square feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever attached underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East** : Site No.41, **West** : Site No. 36, **North** : Road, **South** : Private Property

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No. 235 (Old No.13), 9th Main, 4th Block, Near SLV Uniworth Classic Apts, Maruthi Badavane, Hennur Cross,Kalyan Nagar Post Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 20-10-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. HUMERA BANU,** W/o.Mr.Afzal Basha, Residing at # 5, 1st Floor, 2nd "A" Street, Old Cemetry Road Cross, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 051, intends to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from Mrs.Philomeena .J. W/o. Mr.Santhosh Kumar .G.U. Residing at # 247/6-1, situated at Thimmaiah Garden, Doddigunta, Cox Town, Frazer Town, Bangalore, Who claims to be the Absolute owner of the schedule property.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Vacant Site Bearing Municipal Corporation **No.47,** situated at 2nd Cross, Ramaiah Layout, New BBMP Ward No.29, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore, (formerly Being Site Bearing No.64, Assessment No.52/2-64, situated at Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, along with all the appurtenances whether underneath the soil or above the surface. **Allotted PID No.89-38-47**

Measuring :
East to West : 25 feet 06 Inches;
North to South : 34 feet;
BOUNDED ON THE :
East By : Site Bearing No.65;
West By : Site Bearing No.63;
North By : Private Property;
South By : Road.

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
Advocate, M.A.,LL.B.,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84. M-9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 19-10-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client Smt. Pushpalatha.B is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property, she having acquired the same in terms of registered Sale Deed dated 25.10.2012 (Doc. No.7269/2012-13) executed by Sri. Krishna Reddy and she intends to sell the same.

The original Sale Deed dated 18.03.2005 (Doc. No.46946/2004-05) executed by Smt. S. Krishnaveni in favour of Sri. Sudarshan A.S is lost/misplaced by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 10/10/2020 online vide Lost report bearing no. 127759/2020.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks and she will proceed with sale of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.33, Katha No.956, RDPR No.150200300100300957, formed out of converted Sy.No.356, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South on the Eastern side 35 feet and Western side 34 feet, totally measuring 1207.5 Square feet, together with 83.61 Square meters of RCC roofed house constructed thereon, and is bounded as follows- on the

East by : Site bearing No.34,
West by : Site bearing No.32,
North by : 25 Feet Road,
South by : Private Property.

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross, 03rd Main, 8th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560 070.
Ph - 080-26632343 / 6362653681
Bangalore Date: 20/10/2020

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

Estate Office, U.A.S. Raichur

No. EO/UASR/TN-125/ /2020-21 Date : 16-10-2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agriculture Sciences, Raichur has invited tender from reputed Quality Supervision Consultants (QSC) for third party inspection of various Civil/Electrical works in different campuses of University through E-procurement as per Standard Bid Document KC-8 in two cover system for the tasks mentioned below. The details of the notifications and conditions etc., can be had by visiting the website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Name of work : Providing Consultancy Services for Third Party Quality Supervision of Infrastructure works at various campuses of University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. 2) Tender Format : KC-8 (Two Cover), 3) EMD Rs. : 25000.00, 4) Period : 3 Years.

Schedule of Events : 1) Last Date & Time for Receipt of bids : 03-11-2020 To 17.00 Hrs. 2) Date & Time for Opening of Technical bid : 05-11-2020 At 11.00 Hrs.

For more details, please contact the office of the under signed during office hours (Ph.No. 08532-220640) and visit the link https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed tender notification. Also contact helpdesk number : 080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

Sd/- Estate Officer,
DIP/Raichur/369/MC&A/2020-21 **University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur**

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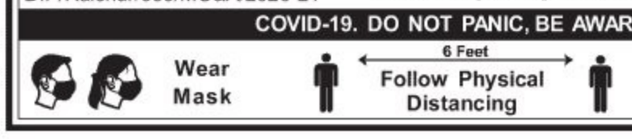

AXIS BANK

Axis Bank Ltd, #45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027
Controlling office: Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai- 400025.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 10-Nov-2020** for recovery of the below mentioned amounts due to Axis Bank Ltd. from the below mentioned borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned herein below.

For recovery of	Name of the Borrower and Name of the Guarantor	Location / Details of the Immovable Property/ Secured Assets possessed and put for sale	Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank	Reserve Price. / EMD
Rs. 3,91,48,873.77/- (Rupees Three Crores Ninety One lakh fourth eight thousand eight hundred seventy three and seventy seven paisa only) under Loan **A/c No. 915060029004826** due as on **31.05.2018,** along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization.	**1) M/s. North East Infrastructures** Represented by its Managing Partners, No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T. Nag ar, Bangalore – 562106. **2) Mr. Sridhar. R, Partner of M/s. North East Infrastructures,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106 **Also at,** No.602, RMV 2nd Stage, 3rd Block, Opp to RMV Club, Sanjaynagar, Dollars Colony, Bangalore – 560094. **Also at,** No.15, 4th Floor, Sri Lakshmi Complex, Saint Marks Road, Bangalore - 560001. **3) Mrs. Sumathi, (Legal heir of MR. Nagaraju. N,)** W/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju.N, Naksh atra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No. 485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **4) Mrs. Poornima, (Legal heir of MR. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o. Late Mr. Nagaraju.N, Aged about 38 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **5) Mrs. Sushma, (Legal heir of Mr. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju.N, Aged about 35 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **6) Mrs. Vidya, (Legal heir of Mr. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju. N, Aged about 31 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106	**Schedule of immovable property:** All that piece and parcel of the Commercial property bearing Municipal No.1, Krishna Reddy Layout, Horamavu Road, Banaswadi, Ward No.88, BBMP Bangalore, measuring 14157 Sq.ft together with structure measuring 800 Sq.ft with Asbestos Sheet roof, cement hollow block walls, cement flooring, steel windows & steel doors and bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Mr.Krishna Reddy in 11/B West by: Hormavu Main Road, North by: Service Road & there after Ring Road South by: Remaining portion of land on No.11/A belonging to Mr. T. Krishna Reddy	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance , Tax etc. if any, as applicable	**Reserve Price. Rs. 11,26,25,000 /-** **EMD Rs. 1,12,62,500 /-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail

Date : 20.10.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Axis Bank Ltd.

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance
109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

1) Whereas **Borrower: Mr. R. Narayana,** S/o, Rame Gowda, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. N. Leela,** W/o, R. Narayana, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Basaweshwara Nagar Branch (now account transferred to ARB Bangalore)** against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on 08-08-2019 calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000325** being **Rs.20,61,462/-** on **08-08-2019** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **12-08-2020** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000325** being **Rs.24,48,257/-** as on **06-10-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	**20-11-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	**Rs.3,03,200/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Three Thousand and Two Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.30,32,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs and Thirty Two Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	**19-11-2020,** 04.00 P.M.
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.10,000/-**

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of immovable property site No. 139, out of land assessment No 20, ward No 72, Situated at Vigneshwara Nagara, Herohalli village, Yeshwanthpur hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limit of BBMP. Measuring East to West 20 Ft And North to South 33 Ft totally measuring 660 Sq. ft. together with the building constructed Ground plus First Floor and bounded on:

East by: By property No 140 **West by:** By remaining portion of the same property **North by:** By road **South by:** By property No 146 and 147

2) Whereas **Borrower: Mr. N. Harish Kumar,** S/o, Nagaraja Rao, **Co-Borrower-I: Mrs. H. Preethi,** W/o, Harish Kumar, **Co-Borrower-II: Mrs. Usha Bai,** W/o, Nagaraj, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Basaveshwara nagar Branch (now account transferred to ARB Bangalore)** against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **29-06-2018** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 2581890000360** being **Rs. 28,66,039/-** on **29-06-2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **20-11-2018** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. **2581890000360** being **Rs.41,90,002/-** as on **07-10-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	**20-11-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	**Rs.4,20,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs and Twenty Thousand Only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.42,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	**19-11-2020,** 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.10,000/-**

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 110 formed in the land and assessment No. 8 situated at Lingadeeranahalli Village Yeshwanthpur, Hobil, Bangalore North Taluk, Now within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore Measuring East to West 40 Ft, North to south 30 ft., totally Measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and Bounded on the:-

North by: Site No.111 **East by:** Road **West by:** Others Property **South by:** Site No.109

Terms and Conditions

The intending bidders of the property should send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of **"Repco Home Finance Limited"** payable at **Bengaluru** Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, **Bengaluru** Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. **Contact No. 080--41233109, 99867-72220.**

Place: **Bengaluru** Authorised officer
Date: **08-10-2020** **Repco Home Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt.Banu aged 40 years D/o Late N Rama Swamy S/o Late Nateshan residing at No. 10 Thimma Reddy Lane.Vibuthipura Extension.

Marathahalli Post, Bangalore -560037 has irretrievably Lost her father's original registered sale deed dated09-06-1997 in respect of schedule property registered as document No.2108/9798nin the office of SRO K.R.Puram, Bangalore between Smt premavathy W/o Krishna Reddy (vendor) and Mr.N.RamaSwamy S/o Late Nateshan (purchaser) while Shifting her house in the year 2000. She lost her father's original registered Sale deed. Document and lodged a police complaint at the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore 560002 on 07-10-2020 under lost report No.126185/2020 issued by the office of Commissioner of Police, Bangalore-560002.

If any person/s found the said Sale deed please come forward and hand over the same to the under signed Suitable rewarded

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of house site No.1011 A S B Khatha No.292/2 Situated at Annsandrapalya. Vibuthipura Dhakale K. R.Puram Hobli.H.A.S.B.Area, Bangalore south Taluk measuring East to West by 40 ft. And North to South 30 ft.

Bounded : East By:-Road,
West By:-Private Property,
North by :- House Site No.11
South by : -House Site No.9

Bangalore
19-10-2020
C Doraisamy M. A , B. Ed, L. L. B
Advocate
No.15, Prem Priya Illam, IIIrd Cross, L.B.Sastrinagar, Indiranagar IInd Stage, Bangalore-560038
Mob:9980005381

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. V. Prabhakar,** S/o Sri. Veerabhadrachar, aged about 50 years, residing at No.122, Old Ration Depot Road, Kodigehalli, Sahakaranagara Post, Bengaluru-560092 is the absolute owner and in lawful possession of the property morefully mentioned in the schedule below.

That on 3.8.2020 when my client was traveling from Kodigehalli to Majestic in a B.M.T.C. Bus he lost the original Sale Deed dated 28.1.1998 pertaining to the Schedule Property Vide Regd. Document No.BNG(U) YLNK 7287/1997-98 dated 23.7.1998, executed by Sri. N. Nanjudappa in favour of Sri. V. Prabhakara, registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru which is morefully mentioned in the schedule below.

In this regard my client lodged a police complaint on 18.10.2020 before the Circle Inspector of Police, Kodigehalli Police Station, Bangalore, however the same could not be traced inspite of best efforts. Any person/s who finds the above said document may kindly handover the same to the undersigned ***within 10 days.***

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing Kodigehalli Gramatana Khatha No.164: 164, measuring East to West:35 feet and North to South 16 feet 06 inches consisting with residential house, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, bounded on East by: Open Space and Road, West by: Mariyappa's Property, North by: Road & South by: Racnappachar's Property.

Sd/-
H. Jayarama Reddy, *Advocate*
No.25/1, Narayanappa Building, 2nd Floor, Above Prince Dry Cleaners, Vasanthappa Block, C.B.I. Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560 032.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Last Date & Time of submission of EMD & documents. c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**Borrower:** 1) Mr. Nandeeshaiah T.G @ Nandeesh T G and Mrs. Ramya M E, #6, MIG, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 2 Stage, KHB colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560 079. **Guarantor :** Mrs. Ramya M E	a) 28.10.2019 b) 18.9.2020 c) Rs.50,92,928.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 21.11.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon c) 23.11.2020 between 12 noon to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.35,28,000/- b) Rs.3,52,800/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing A-202, A Wing, in Second floor, "NISARGA CAPITAL" APARTMENTS, Kannuraahalli Village, Hoskote - 562 114. Building boundaries : East by : Remaning Land in Sy No. 163, West by : Halla, North by : Halla and South by : Road . Flat Boundaries : East by : Corridor, West by : Open Space, North by : Staircases and Flat No.A-203 and South by : Flat No.A-201. In the name of Mr. Nandeeshaiah T.G @ Nandeesh T G. **Branch : HSR Layout, A/C No.: 19580210000694** Ph.: 080 - 25726060/25722757 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in			
2	**Borrower:** 1. Mrs. Leena Rakesh W/O Rakesh Kumar Devendran, 2. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Devendran S/O Devendran P No.962, 3rd Cross, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore - 560043. **Office Address :** #180/2, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 10th Main Road, ITI Layout, Yellukunte, Mangammanapalya, Bangalore - 560068.	a) 9.12.2019 b) 28.2.2020 c) Rs.65,43,647.46 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 21.11.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon c) 23.11.2020 between 12 noon to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.76,27,000/- b) Rs.7,62,700/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : All the piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing no. G-101, in the ground floor, consisting of Three bed rooms, One hall . One kitchen, one car park with a super built up area of 1350 sq feet in the building known as "SINDHU KUTEERA" Constructed on Site No.4CM-402, Khata No. BDA/RON/C3/4CM-402/04-05, property PID No 84-149-4CM-402, Old ward no 84, New ward No 27, formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Old Madras Road, Banaswadi Road Layout extension (O.M.B.R Layout), undivided right title and interest of 321sq ft. Bounded on : East by : Open Space, West by: Lobby and Flat No.G-102, North by : Open Space, South by : Open Space. In the name of Mrs. Leena Rakesh and Rakesh Kumar Devendran. **Branch : Frazer Town, A/C No.: 06240210000267** Ph.: 7008934260 / 9489274628 IFSC Code : UCBA0000624 E-mail : banfra@ucobank.co.in			
3	**Borrower:** 1) Shri M.S.Ramesh S/o Late M.Sampangi and 2) Mrs. Usha Ramesh W/o Mr. M.S.Ramesh. #93/B, Muniyappa Main Road, Jaraganahalli Village, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore - 78. **Guarantor :** Shri. M.Prakash, #244/2615, 1st Floor, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Jaraganahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 078.	a) 10.2.2020 b) 3.9.2020 c) Rs.2,08,783.80 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 21.11.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon c) 23.11.2020 between 12 noon to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.74,54,000/- b) Rs.7,45,400/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Residential Property bearing No.93/B, Gramatana House List No.95, Jaraganahalli Village, Muniyappa Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore -560 078 and bounded on the : East by : Property of K.A Narayana Raju, West by : Property of K.ANarayana Raju, North by : Property of Venkatappa and South by : 15 feet Road. In the name of shri M.S.Ramesh. **Branch : Banashankari, A/C No.: 16411032220001** Ph.: 080 - 26761338 IFSC Code : UCBA0001641 E-mail : banash@ucobank.co.in			
4	**Borrower:** Shri Shashi Nanaiah S/o Mr. K.M Nanaiah #34, "VEDA NILAYA, Manjunath Nagar, Kalkere Layout, Horamavu Post,Bangalore - 560043. Also At : Flat No.106, "AROMA", 1st Floor, Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore - 68. **Guarantor :** Shri. K.N. Mohan, No.34, "VEDA NILAYA", Manjunath Nagar, Kalkere Layout, Horamavu Post, Bangalore - 43.	a) 10.2.2020 b) 4.9.2020 c) Rs.13,77,918.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 21.11.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon c) 23.11.2020 between 12 noon to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.38,50,000/- b) Rs.3,85,000/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Residential Apartment bearing No.106, in First Floor, "AROMA"in Sy No.23/2, present CMC Khata No. 209/126/3, Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, with Super built up area of 1,170 sq.ft with 407 sq.ft of Undivided Share in land and Building boundaries : East by : Private Property, West by : Property belonging to Grafitti, North by : Property belonging to Nagendra Reddy Modalla and South by : Road. Flat boundaries East by : Flat No105, West by : Flat Nos.107 & 108, North by : Corridor and South by : Open Space. In the name of Shri Shashi Nanaiah. **Branch : Banashankari, A/C No.: 16411032220001** Ph.: 080 - 26761338 IFSC Code : UCBA0001641 E-mail : banash@ucobank.co.in			
5	**Borrower:** 1) Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G @ Nandeesh T G #6, MIG, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 2 Stage, KHB colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560 079.	a) 18.10.2019 b) 6.2.2020 c) Rs.50,46,669.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 21.11.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon c) 23.11.2020 between 12 noon to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.32,12,000/- b) Rs.3,21,200/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : "NISARGA CAPITAL" APARTMENTS, Flat No A102, First Floor, A-Block, Khata No.1117/148/3, E-Khata No.1503004010001020665, property bearing converted Survey No. 148/3, adjacent to Nisarga Layout, Hoskote - Malur Road, Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore - 562 114. Bounded on : East by : 2 mt wide corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Staircase and flat bearing A103 and South by :Flat bearing No A101. In the name of Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G @ Nandeesh T G. **Branch : Ramamurthynagar, A/C No.: 16290210000946** Ph.: 080 - 25650090 IFSC Code : UCBA0001629 E-mail : ramamu@ucobank.co.in			

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The auction sale will be "online e-auction" bidding through website **https//www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. 2.** Date and time of auction : **23.11.2020 between 12 noon. to 04:00 p.m. as per (IST). 3.** Last date & time of submission of EMD & documents: **23.11.2020 before 12.00 noon** to be paid to MSTC Wallet by generating online challan from the site by login. **4.** Auction would be conducted for an initial period of **240 minutes** followed by unlimited extensions of **10 minutes** each, in case a valid bid is received in last **10 minutes. 5.** Auction would commence at Reserve price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand only). 6.** In case of sole bidder the bid amount quoted in his/her bid form must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled/deferred. **7.** All Intending bidder shall register with the E-AUCTION portal to create their user ids and passwords. Bidders have to register online by providing their KYC documents and registration fees as prescribed by service provider (MSTC). Once the KYC documents are verified by MSTC, the registration will be activated within a period of maximum two working days from the date of submission of all KYC documents and registration fee. **8.** The interested bidders who require assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid documents, Training/ Demonstration, Terms and conditions Online Inter-se Bidding etc. may visit website **https//www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. For any property related query may contact the Chief Manager (Recovery) Mr. Raj Kumar Bhole, Mobile No-7090005115, Email- zoblr.rec@ucobank.co.in. 9.** The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase amount (including earnest money already paid), immediately on closure of the E- Auction Sale proceedings on the same day or next day of the Sale in the same mode as mentioned above and if he fails to deposit the same, the amount deposited towards the earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall be sold again. The balance 75% of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days or within the extended time from the date of confirmation of sale by the authorized officer. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited including earnest money deposited. **10.** The EMD of unsuccessful bidder will be returned on the closure of the E-auction sale proceedings within 3 days and shall not carry any interest. **11.** The Successful bidder has to bear the TDS 0.75 % if the property value exceeds 50 lakh. **12.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank, if the borrower pays in full before sale, no sale will be conducted. **13.** The property is sold in "As is Where is " and "As is What is" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards on the property with any authority besides the banks charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges encumbrances over the property on any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid. **14.** The undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale /modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reasons. **15.** The purchaser shall bear the stamp duties, charges including those of sale certificate registration charges, all taxes, rates, statutory dues payable to Government or any Authority etc. both existing and future and relating to the property. The sale certificate will be issued only in the name of successful bidder. **16.** The intending purchaser can inspect the property on the date & time mentioned against respective properties above. **17.** The sale is subject to conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act / Rules 2002 and the conditions mentioned above. **18. This Notice is also to be treated as 30 days Statuary sale notice to borrower and Guarantor Under Rule 8 (6) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rules 2002.**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither UCO Bank nor the Service provider will be responsible for any lapses /failure (internet failure, power failure, etc) on the part of the vendor, in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20.10.2020

Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

Tamil film actor Vijay Sethupathi has opted out of the biopic on Sri Lankan cricketer, Muthiah Muralitharan, titled '800', putting an end to the week-long controversy on social media. The actor took to Twitter on Monday to share a statement of Muralitharan.

RAIN, COVID DAMPEN FEST SPIRIT IN HYDERABAD

Travelling to hometowns problem for residents with flight cancellations, virus scare

OISHANI MOJUMDER @Hyderabad

AS the festive season begins, travelling back to one's hometown has become an arduous task for many residing in Hyderabad due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The unprecedented rain – that lashed Telangana in the past one week – has acted as a double whammy.

Every year, around 50,000 to 1 lakh people travel daily from and to Telangana, especially during Dussera and Diwali.

While the most common mode of travel is the special festival trains, inter-state RTC buses are a close second. However, this year, no inter state RTC buses are plying to either Andhra Pradesh or Bengaluru.

A substantial percentage of people travelling to Andhra Pradesh during the festive season opt for RTC buses, which are currently not available due to the stalemate between APSRTC and TSRTC over "kilometer parity". Meanwhile, the situation is being milked by private bus operators on the same routes, where ticket prices start at ₹1200 and goes upwards around ₹2500, for a one-way trip.

South Central Railway usually provides over 100 special trains throughout October and November, and this year only 22 pairs of trains to and from Telangana have been provided.

Advanced bookings have started for special trains. Wondering how to snag a train ticket? Officials claim that a tatkal ticket or a date after Dussera or Diwali is your best bet.

Private cab services or cab aggregators are charging ₹5,000 upwards to places like Vijayawada or inter-district travels; ₹15,000 upwards to Bengaluru and Maharashtra.

While flight tickets are easily available, the rains have led to sudden cancellation of flights just hours before take off. Speaking to *TNIE*, a travel agency employee, on condition of anonymity, said: "We are getting a good response despite the rain and the pandemic. Yes, the number of flight reservations has come down due to Covid-19 worries, but we are mostly losing out on elderly and children customers. We are still taking almost 20-30 flight reservations each day."

This apart, people planning to travel by road are facing dangerous potholes and terrible road conditions as most of the highways are under repair.

A Hyderabad resident, who is now in Khammam, said, "I travel back to Khammam for work every week, and return here to my family.A journey that takes not more than 4-5 hours, this weekend it took almost double the time due to appalling road conditions. I do not think I will be coming home for the festive season this year."

Water from overflowing Jillelaguda lake in Hyderabad floods the area on Monday | RVKRAO

Jagan visits flood-hit areas

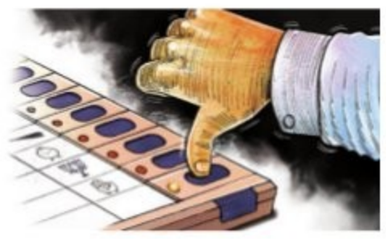
Vijayawada: Taking stock of the damage caused by the heavy rain and flood, AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday directed officials to finish estimating the extent of crop damage at the earliest. Jagan, along with Home Minister Mekathoti Sucharita and Civil Supplies Minister Kodali Sri Venkateswara Rao, conducted an aerial survey of the flood-hit regions of Krishna and Guntur districts. He also assessed the damage in Nandigama, Avanigadda, Penamaluru, Mylavaram and Tadikonda.

After Covid duty, it's poll work for teachers

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @ Bengaluru

TEACHERS in the state are faced with a new hurdle. After Covid-19 duty, these teachers are now deputed on election duty for the byelection in RR Nagar constituency. They say they have been working for close to three months now without a break.

"I am not sure when we will get back to teaching. There is no official communication yet about the same. I had been on Covid-19 duty in May and then again from August," said Savitha (name changed), a government high school teacher from Bengaluru Savitha is among the many teachers in Bengaluru who are deputed for the byelection. From among those deputed for election duty, just a small proportion are those from Vidyagama project, said H K Manjunatha, president of the Karnataka High School Teachers' Association.



Suma (name changed), a teacher from a government pre-university college, does her online class recordings in the morning, and heads for Covid-19 duties. "What troubles me is that several women teachers who are over 50 years of age have been deputed for Covid-19 duties, while our much younger male counterparts who were teaching under the Vidyagama project are now having Dasara vacation. We were hoping for equal treatment, and want Covid-19 duties delegated to all on a rotational basis," said Suma.

Apart from the health hazards, teachers have felt let down by the Education department as they have been working without leave or holiday.

The association on several occasions has written to the department officials urging them to give the staff on Covid-19 duties at least two days holiday per week.

Some teachers are working on a shift basis now – delegating their work to their colleagues based on their personal understanding.

UoM has realised Nalwadi Wadiyar's vision, says PM

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IN his address, the Prime Minister also referred to Mysore ruler Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, statesman-engineer Sir M Visvesvaraya, Jnanpith awardee Kuvempu, litterateur Gorur Ramaswamy Iyengar and first Vice-President of India Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as a teacher at Mysore University. "Greats like Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan have been provided inspiration by this esteemed University of Mysore, which is the centre of the education system of ancient India and aspirations and capacities of future India. The University has realised the vision of Rajarishi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and today, our teachers and professors are also handing over the nation and society's responsibility to you along with degrees," he exhorted the graduating students.

A day after he called up Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa promising all help in tackling floods in Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed his sympathies to the flood-affected families. At a time when Opposition parties are criticising him for not uttering a word on the flood situation in Karnataka, Modi said that the Central and state governments are doing every bit to provide relief to those affected by floods.

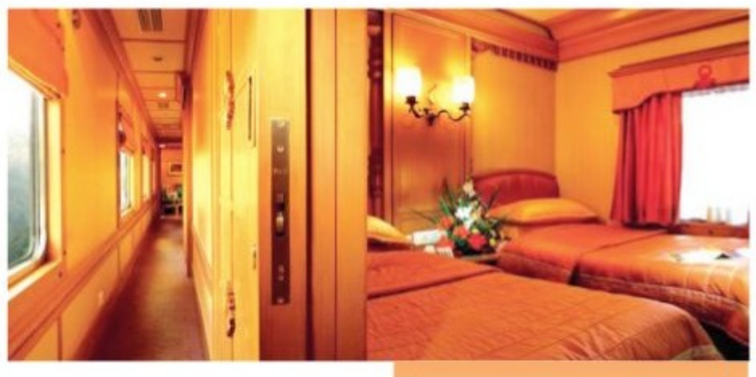
CRIME PATROL

Posing as KBC agent, conman dupes woman of ₹11 lakh

BENGALURU : A man duped a 35-year-old woman of ₹11 lakh on the pretext of her winning the Kaun Banega Crorepati contest. Based on a complaint filed by the victim, Cyber Crime (north-division) Police on Sunday registered a case under the IT Act. Police said Nagaveni (name changed), a resident of Nagasandra, alleged that she is a regular viewer of KBC and she had taken part in its online quiz contest. The conman, posing as a KBC agent, approached Nagaveni on June 26 this year and told her that she won the online KBC contest and is entitled for a cash prize of ₹25 lakh. He managed to convince her to transfer ₹11 lakh. On realising that she was conned, Nagaveni tried to contact him but his phone was switched off, the officer added. Efforts are on to nab the accused, the police officer added.

LUXURY TRAVEL

South-special packages added to Golden Chariot



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

NINE months after luxury train Golden Chariot had stopped running, it is set to relaunch in a new avatar. The train will operate three tour packages from Bengaluru – two of them will cover Karnataka while one will cover Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.

The luxury train, which began its operations in 2018, was handed over by the Karnataka tourism department to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) for operational and marketing purposes in January 2020.

An official statement listed the itineraries of the train, that will run between January 2021 and March 2021. Bookings are open now.

The train will depart from and return to Bengaluru. The luxury train tour package cost is inclusive of all on-board meals and house wines, guided excursions in air-conditioned buses, monument entry fee and meals at venues, as per the itinerary. New features in the trains include smart TVs, CCTV cameras and fire alarm systems. For details, visit www.goldenchariot.org or call: 8287931971 or 8595931291.

TRAIN PACKAGES

Pride of Karnataka
The 6-night and 7-day itinerary covers Bandipur National Park, Mysuru, Halebidu, Chikkamagaluru, Aihole, Pattadakal, Hampi & Goa.

Jewels of South
The 6-night and 7-day itinerary covers Mysuru, Hampi, Mahabalipuram, Thanjavur, Chettinad, Kumarakom and Kochi

Glimpses of Karnataka
The 3-night and 4-day itinerary covers Bandipur, Mysuru and Hampi.

'Drug hidden in household items'

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IN July, the DRI arrested the brother of an absconding accused from a village in South Tamil Nadu.

"The traffickers hire mules on some petty commission to drop the courier consignment at small courier companies. They conceal the drug in kitchen and other household items like photo frames, utensils, gym equipment and cardboard walls in such a way that it is difficult for the courier scanners to track them. The names, addresses, ID cards, mobile phones given to the courier firm are all fake," added the source.

Ironically, ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are strong nasal-decongestants and are legally used to manufacture pharmacological products against flu and allergies under licence from Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Gwalior.

EXPRESS READ

Stabbing spree: 1 more dead

BENGALURU: A daily wage worker, one of the six victims of a stabbing spree in the city on Sunday, succumbed to his injuries on Monday. On Sunday morning, M Ganesh, a daily wage worker, stabbed six people, killing Maari (30). Rajesh (28) was undergoing treatment at a hospital, but was discharged on Sunday evening. "The patient and his family members forced doctors to discharge him. However, he developed complications in the night and was rushed to another hospital, where he died," an official said.

'Kanakapura has very few Christians'

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HEARING the petition filed by Anthony Swamy and seven others, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the interim order and issued notices to the state government and Trust.

Stating that Kanakapura has a negligible population of 2,000 Christians and of which 1,500 are residing at Harobele and Nallahalli villages, the petitioners alleged that the then Energy Minister D K Shivakumar and his brother D K Suresh, who is an MP of Bengaluru Rural constituency, initiated the process voluntarily in February 2017 by sending a note to the Deputy Commissioner of Ramanagar for granting 15 acres of land in Survey No. 283 of Nallahalli village of Kanakapura taluk, without any demand from the Christian community.

The PIL stated that in March 2017, the Trust submitted an application for grant of 10 acres of land at the behest of politician-brothers. Harobele village already has a church and there is no need for another church on a sprawling 15 acres of land with the tallest Jesus statue, as envisaged by DK brothers to create a vote bank, it said. The DK brothers were sowing seeds of religious disharmony by favouring a particular religion, the petitioners alleged.

"Without issuing a public notice for grant of land as per Section 17-A of the Karnataka Land Grant Rules, the Tahsildar submitted the report to the Deputy Commissioner that villagers have no objection for grant of gomal land. He also stated that there were no religious monuments on the said land, which is contrary to the claim made by D K Shivakumar that centuries-old Christian monuments were situated on Kapalabetta. The construction commenced after hurriedly obtaining permission from the local gram panchayat," they said.

Pointing out that the Supreme Court has, time and again, held that public property cannot be permitted to be used by private persons, the petitioners have prayed the court to quash the order passed by the government to grant the land to the Trust with a concession of Rs 49.50 lakh at the behest of DK Shivakumar and also in violation of Forest Act and Environment (Protection) Act.

BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT AT CHENGALPET
FCOP. NO. 286 of 2019.

R.Vijayachandran S/o Ramachandran ...Petitioner. -Vs-
Mrs. Bondadaanusha. ...Respondent.
To, Mrs. Bondadaanusha D/o. Sathyanarayana, House no.8, Room No.5, Rajasekara Nillaya, 7th Main, 6th Cross, Om Shakthi layout, G.B.palaya, Bangalore-68.

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above case is posted on **20.11.2020** before the Hon'ble family court at chengalpet for your appearance before the said Court for the said case posted on **20-11-2020** at **10.30 am** before the honourable Court. Failing which the matter will be heared in your absence setting exparte.

Counsel for petitioner: **P.K.SHANTHIRUBINI**

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH No.64)
P & SC No. 144 / 2020

BETWEEN: 1. MONICA MAKAN, D/o Late Prakash Chander Makan, aged about 56 years, residing at No. 401 & 404, 4th Floor, Victorian Willows, Airport Road, Murugesh Palya, Bangalore-560017.
2. TANIA SANT, D/o Late Prakash Chander Makan, aged about 54 years, Residing at No. 401 & 404, 4th Floor, Victorian Willows, Airport Road, Murugesh Palya, Bangalore-560017. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... **RESPONDENTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Sri.Prakash Chander Makan, father of Petitioners herein, who expired on 21-09-2019.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **20-11-2020** at 11 a.m. inform to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE

MOVABLE ASSETS: i) Securities & Debentures held with Centrum Retail Services Ltd.

Sr. No. Security Name, Quantity, Rate, Value, Market Value

1. CRSL MLD SERIES 27 TYPE II, 30, 1,00,000.00, 30,00,000.00,Rs.3,545,712.60
2. CRSL MLD SERIES 8 - TYPE I, 91, 1,00,300.00, 91,27,300.00, Rs.11,256,877.45

2) IMMOVABLE ASSETS: a) In Krishnagiri Revenue District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub-Registration District, Hosur Taluk, **KOOSTHANAPALLI** Village bearing Sy.No.73/2, Dry in this an extent of 31.5 Cents land within the following boundaries- North: Cart Track, West: Agricultural Unit 42, South: Balance of Sy.No.73/2, East : Agricultural Unit 44.

Within these boundaries the above said extent of 31.5 Cents denotes as Agriculture Unit No.43.

b) In Krishnagiri Revenue District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub-Registration District, Hosur Taluk, **SEVAGANAPALLI** Village bearing :

Sy.No.155/2A, in this an extent of 21 Cents;
Sy.No.155/2C, in this an extent of 16 Cents;
Sy.No.155/2B, in this an extent of 18 Cents;
Sy.No.155/2D, in this an extent of 10 Cents;
Sy.No.155/2E; in this an extent of 5 Cents;
Sy.No.155/1, in this an extent of 8 Cents;
Sy.No.137/3, in this an extent of 13 Cents;

Total an extent of 0.91 Acre denoted as Agriculture Unit No.105-A is within the following boundaries :

North : Agriculture Unit No.105, West : Cart Track, South : Private Land, East : Agriculture Unit No.108-A.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 7th day of October 2020.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MD NAWAZ SHARIEF, S/o **MEHEBUB RAHAMAN MANDAL** R/a Flat #B1-208, Janapriya Green Wood Apartments, Somashetty Halli,Bangalore North,Bangalore -90,have changed my name from **MD NAWAZ SHARIEF** to (new name) **SHAH NAWAZ MANDAL** vide Affidavit dated 16.10.2020 sworn before Notary Smt. A.Manjula, Bangalore -09.

NAME CONFIRMATION
I, **YALLAPPA A, S/O Annayappa,** Aged 31 Years, Residing at No. 92, Ambedkar Nagara, Near Water Tank, Kudlu, Bommana halli, Bangalore-560 068, do hereby state that, in school records, my name mentioned as **YELLAPPA** but all other documents viz.Aadhar, Pan & Bank Account, Voter Card, my name mentioned as **YALLAPPA.** I solemnly affirm and submit that both names **YALLAPPA & YELLAPPA** are one & the same & belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated: 17/10/2020 before Notary K. Muralidharan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) STEELA.G, W/o. Manigandan, residing at No. 42, Chuna No. 4, Ist Lane, Lidkar Colony, K.G.Halli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) STEELA.G** to **(NEW NAME) STELLA.G** vide affidavit Dated 17/10/2020 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIWAKAR PANDEY,** S/o Braj Kishor Pandey, age 44 years, R/at No. 44-2, Sheshadri Building, 3rd Cross, Near R.V. School, Laggere, Rajgopal Nagar, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore-58 do hereby declare that I am known and called by name as **DIWAKAR PANDEY S/O BRAJ KISHOR PANDEY,** but in my Aadhar Card my name is wrongly entered as **GUDDU PANDE S/o BRIJ PANDE,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DIWAKAR PANDEY S/O BRAJ KISHOR PANDEY** only for all legal purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-10-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. RAJASHEKHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**INDUMATHI SHIVAKUMAR BASAPPA** R/at No.400, 3rd Floor, 17th main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, have changed my name to **INDUMATHI BASAPPA** vide affidavit dated:19/10/2020 before Notary **Gangaraju.B.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PRASAD G, S/o. Govindaraju, Residing at No. 76, Thimmayya Road Cross, Nehru Puram, Bharthi Nagar, Bangalore-560001, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SATHISH G** vide affidavit Dated 17/12/2019 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POOJA DNYANESHWAR KIRTIWAR,** W/o Vishnu Sagar Sannareddy, R/at No. 118, 2nd Floor, Munnekolala Main Road, Near Grand Super Mart, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-37 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POOJA DNYANESHWAR KIRTIWAR** to **POOJA SAGAR SANNAREDDY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **POOJA SAGAR SANNAREDDY** for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-10-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VYSHALI K.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIVAKUMAR KALANNA R/at No.400, 3rd Floor, 17th main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560041, have changed my name to SHIVAKUMAR KALLANNA vide affidavit dated:19/10/2020 before Notary **Gangaraju.B.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PRARTHANA, D/o. Prasanna N Rajapurohit, residing at No. 358, Aashirwad, 9th Main, Dollar's Colony, J.P.Nagar 4th Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PRARTHANA PRASANNA RAJAPUROHIT** vide affidavit Dated 14/10/2020 sworn before Notary T.C.Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NANDINI PRADEEP,** W/o Pradeep H.A., R/at # 740, 3rd Cross, Hoodi Gardens, Hoodi, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru-560 048 have changed the name of my minor daughter from **ANIKA KIRANA PRADEEP @ ANIKA PRADEEP** to **ANIKA NIDHI REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 17-10-2020, before Notary **Gangaraju B.N.** at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KESAR SUNIL BAJAJ** W/o Sunil Manohar Bajaj, residing at Flat No.203, Aishwarya Eastwood, 24th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector-2, Bangalore-560102, have changed my name from DEEPA PARASRAM CHAWLA to **" KESAR SUNIL BAJAJ ",** vide affidavit dated 19.10.2020 before notary Harisha.G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, REKHA RANI SHA, W/o. Bikash Kumar Sha, aged about 32 years, residing at A202, Sai Raghavendra White Midas, ECC Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066, have changed my name to **REKHA SHA** vide Affidavit dated 19.10.2020 sworn before Notary C. Muniswamy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUTTUKUMAR .G @ MUTHUKUMAR,** S/o GOPALAREDDY NARASIMHA REDDY, R/at # 393, Kuntlu Reddy Layout, SLN Road, Jigani, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural 560 105, have changed my name to **MUTHUKUMAR GOPALAREDDY,** vide affidavit dated 19-10-2020, before Notary **Gangaraju B.N.** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. 13622050H Rank HAV Shiv Kumar, residing at House No. 478, Sector 4, Dharuhera Rewari, Haryana-122106, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MONTI GAGAN** to **MAYANK SINGH GAGAN** vide affidavit dated 19/10/2020 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DILNAWAZ MOWDAWALA,** D/o. Rohinton Mowdawala, R/at. No. D-023, Aratt Vivera, 6th Main, Begur, Bengaluru-560068, have changed my name from **DILNAWAZ KULSHRESHTHA** to **DILNAWAZ MOWDAWALA,** vide affidavit dated 16.10.2020 sworn before notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore -560040

CHANGE OF NAME
(FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF WIDOWS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS AND CHANGE OF NAME OF WIVES OF VETERANS AND SERVING SOLDIERS) I, **SAURABH KUMAR,** legally son of **JC 820276Y, Rank: Sub, Name: SANJAY KUMAR,** presently residing at HQ COY, CMP Centre and School, Bangalore-25, permanently residing at residing at village and post, Tilakpur, **Ps:** Sultanganj, **District:** Bhagalpur, **State:** Bihar, **Pin-**813228. I have changed my name from **SAURABH KUMAR** to **SOURABH KUMAR and my date of birth is** 01-07-1999, (First July Nineteen Nine) vide affidavit dated 19-10-2020, before **C.N. CHANDRA SHEKAR,** Notary Advocate and Notary Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. 13622050H Rank HAV Shiv Kumar, residing at House No. 478, Sector 4, Dharuhera Rewari, Haryana-122106, have changed my Minor Son's name from **BANTI GAGAN** to **VIVEK SINGH GAGAN** vide affidavit dated 19/10/2020 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

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EDITORIAL

"Leaving all the corruption questions to the side, why was Biden—elected to serve the Americans as Vice President—so active in trying to dictate the internal affairs of Ukraine? Why does the US try to rule everyone?

Glenn Greenwald

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— Ramnath Goenka

CAN A STUNTED POPULATION DRIVE DEVELOPMENT?

So India is in the 'serious' category on the Global Hunger Index. No surprises there. There's dismal relief only in the fact that 94th out of 107 countries is a notch better than previous years—a slow, dispiriting crawl, and below our entire neighbourhood. Bangladesh, Myanmar and Pakistan, though also in GHI 2020's 'serious' bracket, have done better than India—at ranks 75, 78 and 88. Sri Lanka and Nepal are in the 'moderate' zone.

India, heartbreakingly, has the world's highest ratio of malnourished children under age five ... a steady decline since 2015. One shudders to think what the pandemic and food inflation would have done to the figures—which is to say, to millions of adult and young Indians. Criminally, India has no shortage of food. All the ballyhoo about 'targeted' welfare— supplying cereals via a biometric-based PDS—clearly seems to be achieving the opposite of what's intended. Too many Indian women (including pregnant women) and children are obviously not getting adequate protein, fat and cereals. All of which should be made available at nominal prices, come what may, to ensure that 14% of India is not undernourished, that 37.4% of our children under five are not stunted. Not much guessing to do on where people are worst off: Bihar, UP, Madhya Pradesh, Jhakhand.

Can a 'development' model built around roads and power, rather than food security, be meaningful? Can a stunted, undernourished population be employed, upskilled and drive 'development'? No, such questions never cross our mind. We have an election in one of these hubs of poverty. That we are starving our children is not a talking point for any of the political parties contesting the polls. If forced to field the question, they would rather challenge the parameters of the rankings. As for our media, it's more interested in a Bihar-born actor, his girlfriend and her brother.

AFTER IPL, FILLIP FOR DOMESTIC CRICKET

There is good news for the Indian cricketers toiling away from the limelight. After the Indian Premier League (IPL) in the UAE, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is planning to have a truncated domestic season featuring the Ranji Trophy from January. The IPL, with all its riches, is restricted to around 120 Indian players. There are nearly 450 more playing for various state teams in the senior men's section alone. These players constitute the base that the superstructure feeds from. No domestic cricket this season would have meant no income for these players, who are dependent on match fees. Opening the avenue for IPL players to earn and denying the opportunity to a vast majority of the country's total player pool would have set a bad example.

The BCCI deserves credit for trying to make this happen. As on date, the Covid-19 situation in India remains worrisome. Organising a tournament of four-day matches featuring 38 teams will be a massive challenge. But Sourav Ganguly and co think this can be done by having the matches in four or five cities, instead of following the traditional model wherein a team plays half of its games at home and the rest at the home of opposition teams. There are thoughts of having a tournament for women and another for juniors on similar lines. This is realistic thinking and, virus permitting, the BCCI has the funds and infrastructure to pull this off.

Criticised on certain points, the BCCI with Ganguly as president has already set an example by conducting the IPL in another country inside a giant bio-bubble. Organising domestic tournaments will be another feather in its cap. For a while, this will take the focus away from things like trying to change the board constitution and going back to the pre-reform ways, violation of conflict of interest rules by Ganguly who endorses products of the rivals of the board's own sponsors, and delay in payments of domestic players, umpires and scorers during the pandemic. Assessment of the first Indian captain to have become BCCI president will depend on these factors too. But at the moment, he is scoring some brownie points.

The US election is just two weeks away. While it is still unpredictable, the probability of Trump winning is getting lower due to a variety of reasons

THE LAST LAP OF AMERICA'S PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY

Former Ambassador, Ex-Secretary in MEA & currently a Visiting Fellow at ORF, Delhi

AMIT BANDRE

As the D-Day—November 3—approaches, over 18 million American voters have already cast their votes in the most contentious presidential election in recent history. For the first time, an US presidential poll is being fought during a raging pandemic, caused by the Chinese-origin coronavirus, with the American economy in a deep dive. The virus did not spare even President Donald Trump and he had to take time off from the campaign due to being rushed to Washington's military-run Walter Reed Hospital on October 2. Trump has since recovered and is back on the campaign trail, but there is no way to know if he will be in full flow and what impact the virus has had on his health. Two aides of Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden's running mate, Senator Kamala Harris, were also infected.

Biden is leading in the polls by an average of 6-7 points, with around 50% of American voters intending to vote for him. At around 44%, Trump's national approval ratings are reasonably good and fairly steady. Trump seems to have defied his earlier unpopular ratings and bounced back, though he has been losing out on women's votes due to his attitude and actions against them. But the polls, which are avidly followed, are hardly infallible. In 2016, Hillary Clinton was ahead of Trump in them but lost, though she polled three million more votes than him nationwide. She could not muster the required majority in the Electoral College.

The Electoral College system is unique to the US, wherein each state is allotted a certain number of electoral votes, depending on the number of members it sends to the Senate and the House of Representatives. The total Electoral College votes amount to 538, making 270 the magic figure for winning. If a candidate wins the popular vote in a state, all the electoral college votes of that state are allotted to them. Hence, candidates spend a lot of time campaigning in the "battleground" states that have more electoral votes.

The first TV Presidential debate was a bad-tempered encounter. Running mates Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris also clashed in their debate over the handling of the pandemic by the Trump Administration. Polls have put Biden-Harris marginally ahead of Trump-Pence in the first and only debate so far, out of the three normally scheduled. Biden kept his cool under a barrage of comments and interruptions. One TV channel counted 73 interruptions by Trump while Biden was speaking. At one point, Trump questioned Biden's intelligence; Biden called him a clown and asked him to "shut up" several times. Trump's behaviour was not dissimilar to his social media comments, which are often insulting and offensive. The mud-slinging, par for the course for boisterous democracies like the US and India, must be making the emperor for life of the Middle Kingdom, Xi Jinping, choke on his noodle soup and direct the PLA to be ready for war.

On foreign policy issues, Trump's mantra was "America First"; more recently, he is projecting himself as an international peacemaker after successfully getting the UAE and Bahrain to establish formal diplomatic relations with Israel. This will certainly please the powerful Jewish lobby in the US. Trump has also claimed success in building the wall along the Mexican border, cajoling NATO members to cough up more funds for defence spending and bringing back American troops from abroad, particularly Afghanistan. Biden has highlighted his intention of rebuilding the relationship with allies and mocked Trump's America First as "America Alone". Biden's foreign policy theme is re-engagement with the world and promoting multilateral institutions. He has also promised to hold President Putin to account for "interference" in American elections. He echoed Trump in ending wars but wants to keep Special Forces globally deployed for international peace and stability. He has promised to rebuild the diplomatic service, seen to have been severely undermined by Trump's policies, rejoin the Climate Change Accord and push China on reduction of carbon emission.

The current Presidential election has another unique feature, with both parties wooing Indian-American voters. While Kamala Harris's part-Indian origin is a factor, the more substantive reason is the rising influence of the Indian-American community. Speculation about a Biden-Harris administration adopting a less accommodative attitude towards India on issues like human rights and Jammu and Kashmir has led to expectation that Indian-American voters may start to drift towards the Republicans. The special relationship between President Trump and PM Narendra Modi has been factored into this conclusion.

Biden has raced ahead in the battleground states. In separate TV appearances on their campaign trail, the two candidates have continued their sparring. Trump's income tax details have created a furore. His handling of the pandemic has been shredded to pieces and will cost him votes due to cuts in healthcare among others. His constant rhetoric is that if he loses the election, it would be due to rigging; his own FBI director has denied his claim.

The attack on Biden has focussed on him and his son's corrupt dealings with foreign governments and businesses, though the evidence being circulated has been far from authentic. Biden is comfortably placed. Both Barack and Michelle Obama have come out strongly in his support. Meanwhile, Trump's Republican party Senators are displaying a sense of unease with his maverick and reckless approach to the pandemic. The Republicans enjoy a majority a 53-47 in the Senate, with 35 seats going to the polls in November.

If Trump loses, then it will affect the voting for the Senate. The Republicans may then lose their majority, which is very important to control legislation and crucial appointments, particularly in case of a Biden victory. Campaign finance monitors have confirmed that Democratic candidates for the Senate are raking in higher campaign funds than their Republican rivals. The Presidential race is still unpredictable, but the probability of Trump winning is getting lower, with Biden arguing that the "soul of the nation is at stake".

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> Biden has raced ahead in fundraising and spent more in campaigning than Trump in the battleground states. A unique feature of this Presidential race is that both parties are wooing Indian-American voters

NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT A CLEAN JUDICIARY

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On and off the Bench, many great judges across the world have spoken against corruption in the judiciary. In a democracy, the judiciary rests on people's faith. On 28 January 2000, the Supreme Court celebrated its golden jubilee. The then President K R Narayanan asserted in his speech that "the degree of respect and public confidence enjoyed by the Supreme Court" is something that no other institution in the country would be able to claim. The speech reflected the image of the top court post 1977. After the Emergency, the court was evidently in an introspective mode, trying to regain its lost glory. There were aberrations, but no colossal fall-off.

Judicial corruption is a complex phenomenon. Tackling it is a tough and subtle job. An independent judiciary is the hallmark of constitutional democracy. The point, however, is to make the judiciary accountable to the people and other institutions, without hampering its independence. This has been and is a great challenge.

The Indian Constitution, by and large, believed in the apparatus of the state—a faith that was occasionally betrayed. On selection and appointment to the higher judiciary, it only laid down broad parameters. So is the case with the vigilance mechanism. It provides for a—close to impossible—system of impeachment by way of Articles 124, 217 and 218. The only instance of impeachment of a High Court judge in India occurred in 1949. Justice S P Sinha of the Allahabad HC was removed from office under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935. In the infamous Ramaswami episode, in 1993, Parliament failed in its constitutional duty, even after finding the judge guilty.

The constitutional text is, therefore, inadequate to preserve institutional probity. As American jurist James Madison famously alerted, the clauses in the Constitution, "the parchment barriers", on their own, cannot check abuse of power. India lacked an institutional mechanism to create and maintain a clean judiciary. In a recent piece, G S Vasu has made a strong case for systemic introspection in the Indian judiciary (14 October 2020).

Let us come to the roots. Shivaraj S Huchhanavar, a legal academic, has compared the regulatory mechanism for courts in India with that in the United Kingdom. He says that the system here is "opaque, inaccessible, slow and ineffective" while the UK presents quite an opposite scenario. Equally significant is the almost fault-free system of judicial appointments in the UK, thanks to the independent Commission that does the job.

India's fight, if any, for a clean judiciary is a saga of failed experiments. Of course, we have the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968. With the judgment in the Veeraswami case (1991), the Act is practically robbed of its utility. The Veeraswami verdict said that no FIR could be registered or investigation carried out against a judge of a constitutional court without prior approval from the Chief Justice of India.

The in-house procedure for enquiring into allegations against the judges was endorsed by the full court of the SC in 1999. It, however, did not prescribe any effective remedy to deal with the erring judges. It provided for advice to the delinquent judge to resign or retire voluntarily. If the judge discards the advice, he may be asked to keep away from judicial duties. A club of judges is not an ideal forum to sit in judgment over the allegations against other judges. Thus, the in-house procedure is structurally unsatisfying and functionally flawed.

The Judges Enquiry Bill, 2006, tried to establish a National Judicial Council to conduct inquiries into allegations of misbehaviour of judges in the higher judiciary. It was a non-starter. During the UPA-2 regime, Lok Sabha passed the Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill in March 2012. It lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2014. Then came the NDA's effort to bring in the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC). The top court was not happy with it either. When the apex court struck down the 99th Constitutional Amendment Act on 16 October 2015, not only was the Collegium resurrected, the aspiration to democratise the system too was aborted. The shortfalls of the NJAC is a different topic.

The Law Commission's 230th report (2009) is a significant document that exposed the glaring fault lines in the appointment process. To stop the 'uncle judges' syndrome, the Commission recommended that "the judges whose kith and kin are practising in a High Court, should not be posted in the same High Court". Ideally, it is not even advisable to select the judge from the same home bar. We need to avert even the chances for allegations of proximity. Abolition of post-retirement jobs is another possible measure, for which certain legislative changes may be required.

A vigilance mechanism in one form or the other is available in countries like New Zealand, Canada and Australia. Better methods for judicial selection too are amply demonstrated in other jurisdictions. The question is whether those in power really want a clean judiciary. Reforms require statesmanship at the helm of affairs. The solution lies beyond the letters of disgruntled politicians and judicial gag orders.

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Sonia makes valid points

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi's comments are worth pondering over (*Difficult time for democracy: Cong*, Oct 19). With the onset of Covid, the problems in our healthcare system have become glaring. And there is severe unemployment. The finance minister's measures will only help corporates; the middle and lower middle classes have been left in the lurch.

DSP Rao, Kakinada

Shedding crocodile tears

The Congress president is shedding crocodile tears. Perhaps she has forgotten that it is Indira Gandhi who imposed the Emergency.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Destroyed by Cong

There is nothing new in her statement. Sonia's mother-in-law systematically destroyed constitutional bodies during her time. While the current PM does not allow himself to be questioned by the press, most sections of the media do not question the Congress chief.

C Vijaya Kumar, Bengaluru

Need clear action plan

People as well as firms initiate many programmes but these often lack vision and a clear action plan. The piece *How the power of vision can transform companies and people* (Oct 19) explains where we are going wrong and what we should do.

Ajay Rajeev, Cherthala

Vital role of ASHA workers

This is with reference to *Tackling the shadow pandemic of rising domestic violence* (Oct 19). The article has highlighted the significance of ASHA workers and their vital role in listening to women in villages, which paves the way for forwarding their complaints to authorities and reducing underreporting.

Narayani Potrivel, Mayiladuthurai

Covid worsens problem

The world was already facing a crisis of domestic violence with women and children bearing the brunt. Covid has only exacerbated the problem as the virus has forced many women to stay indoors.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Still inundated

Many colonies still remain inundated in Hyderabad. Heavy rains and floods have done great damage to the city. The government should take preventive measures so as to minimise the impact of such natural calamities.

Guntupalli Manidhar, Ongole

Learn from Kerala's mistake

The Union health minister has said Kerala's spike in Covid cases is due to negligence during the Onam season and has asked the rest of India to learn from this before Dussehra and Deepavali. The Kerala government must take it in the right spirit.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Not fair to sit on Bill

Thanks for highlighting the fact that this year, at least 80% of the questions in NEET were present in the Tamil Nadu state syllabus (*Guv at centre of TN NEET quota storm*, Oct 19). It is not fair on the part of the Governor to sit on the Bill that reserves 7.5% medical seats for government school students, who have faced many barriers.

S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Improve teaching quality

Instead of such a reservation, the government should upgrade the syllabus further and focus on improving the quality of teaching in its schools.

P Lekha Sri, Chennai

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Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The Chief Minister has presented another advertisement of misleading propaganda in the name of Mission Shakti

Shatrughan Sinha @ ShatrughanSinha
Luv is fighting election as 'Bihari putra'. He has worked in the constituency since 2009 when I first contested Lok Sabha election from Patna Sahib constituency

Dharmendra Pradhan @dpradhanbjp
While the entire country is engaged in nation building, what has happened to Congress, which is citing examples of Pakistan and China?

EXTENDED

Engineering admissions till Nov 1: AICTE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

COUNTRY'S technical education regulator has allowed all the technical institutions to admit students till November this year.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also extended the commencement of first year engineering classes by a month in a fresh revision of the academic calendar for 2020-21. As per the revised calendar, the academic session will commence from December 1, earlier scheduled to begin from November 1.

"Due to prolonged emergent conditions in the Country and requests from various state governments and ongoing admission process of IIT's and NIT's, the Council has extended the last date of admission to first year Engineering courses (UG and Diploma lateral entry) to 30th November, 2020," says the latest AICTE notice.

"Accordingly, the last date of commencement of classes of first year is December 01." Earlier in July, the AICTE had issued revised academic calendar following the University Grants Commission issuing exam-related guidelines on July 6 for all the universities.

The AICTE circular had then said that the new batch of PGDM courses would begin from August 10, while those for other technical courses including B.Tech were pushed to October 15.

On August 13, it further revised the academic calendar where it stated that the last date of commencement of classes for technical courses would be November 1.

BJP national president J P Nadda waves at party workers during his day-long visit to Siliguri on Monday | PTI

Delayed, but CAA will be implemented, says Nadda

BJP chief says process of preparing laws and by-laws is underway

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

BJP's national president JP Nadda on Monday made it clear that the Centre would go ahead with the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the contentious act that triggered nationwide protests and violence, and the new act would be implemented in near future. He also pointed out the process of preparing laws and by-laws under the new Act, which got delayed because of Covid-19 pandemic, is now being prepared.

"CAA will be implemented in Bengal. Laws and by-laws are being prepared. The process was delayed because of Covid situation. Now everything is becoming normal and once the work is done, you will get CAA here," said Nadda while heading an organizational meeting with the party functionaries in Siliguri, north Bengal.

The issue of CAA's implementation came in the meeting when the party functionaries raised the issue of refugees settled in north Bengal, where the BJP performed aggressively in the 2019 Lok Sabha election and bagged seven out of eight Lok Sabha seats. West Bengal and other several parts of the country witnessed fierce protests by setting platforms, trains and buses on fire and putting up roadblocks.

> **Everyday, BJP workers are getting killed in Bengal. The people here is witnessing the state sponsored terrorism**
>
> JP Nadda, BJP chief

Asking BJP's Bengal functionaries to intensify the battle against the ruling Trinamool Congress-led government's 'misrule' and continue it for another six months to overthrow Mamata Banerjee's government, Nadda accused the Trinamool Congress of following the path of divisive politics.

"The Trinamool Congress follows the path of divisive politics. We believe in politics of inclusiveness. The Centre has floated a number of schemes for the poor irrespective of their caste, creed and group. The central government has ensured free food grain for around 80 crore people through public distribution system which will continue till Diwali. People from all segments of our society are enjoying its benefit."

Nadda was on his one-day visit to Bengal and he held the organisational meeting giving a roadmap to the functionaries ahead of 2021 Assembly elections.

"Everyday BJP workers are getting killed in Bengal. I, myself, paid tribute to the soul of more than 100 functionaries of our party. The people here is witnessing the state sponsored terrorism," Nadda continued hitting out Mamata Mamata's party.

RAY OF HOPE

India reports less than 600 corona deaths after 3 months

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AFTER nearly 3 months, the country's daily death tally due to Covid-19 has come under 600 for the first time, a day after a government appointed committee predicted that the pandemic may have peaked in India last month.

With a spike of 55,722 new Covid-19 cases and 579 deaths in the last 24 hours, India's infectious disease count crossed the 75-lakh mark and reached 75,50,273 on Monday morning, as per official figures released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Of the 579 deaths recorded in a day, 150 deaths were reported from Maharashtra followed by West Bengal which registered 64 fresh infection deaths.

According to the government data, the Covid-19 count includes 7,72,055 active cases marking a dip by 11,256 since Sunday.

In a statement issued on Monday, the health ministry said that the active cases comprise merely 10.23% of the total positive cases of the country.

The total recovered cases are more than 66 lakh (66,63,608) thus raising the gap with respect to the active cases. 66,399 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 55,722. The national recovery rate has now progressed to 88.26% and 79% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 states that include Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

Recovered cases

New recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 states that include Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, UP

Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with more than 11,000 single day recovery followed by Kerala and Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries each. But with 1,83,456 total active cases, Maharashtra continues to be the worst affected state

The government also underlined that 81% of the new cases are from 10 States and Maharashtra reported over 9,000 new cases in a day followed by Kerala and Karnataka with more than 7,000 cases each.

Meanwhile, according to the ICMR a total of 9,50,83,976 samples have been tested in the country so far which included 8,59,786 samples tested on Sunday.

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66 LAKH OF TOTAL RECOVERED CASES

EMPOWERMENT

Centre plans innovation hubs for SC/STs

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

POINTING that human capabilities — living a quality life — was overlooked when taken in the context of economic growth of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) communities in the country, the Centre has now decided to focus on improving quality of life of the community focusing on socio economic development in areas like water, food, energy, health, habitat through setting up of innovation hubs.

The SC and ST comprise about 16.6 per cent and 8.6 per cent, respectively of the population (2011 census) .

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), will fund the programme.

It is thus envisaged that establishment of Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Hubs will develop, nurture and ensure development, of the SC and STs population.

The connotation of 'Development' has changed over a period of time and the initial attention of economic growth and economic development has now slowly moved on to include human perspective into the notion of development.

"Expansion of human capabilities was overlooked when taken in the context of economic growth of SC and ST Communities over a period of time. Hence there is a need for rediscovery of human development approaches. The pressing demand for the inclusion of a wide range of indicators to measure the Quality of Life of people is gaining momentum," said the DST.

Bihar parties flout apex court fiat

KUMAR VIKRAM, RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & KANU SARDA
@ New Delhi/Patna

SIDDHARTH Saurav is the Congress candidate from the Bikram seat in the ongoing Bihar elections. He has at least one criminal case against him and his election affidavit says among the charges he faces are of murder filed under Section 302 of the IPC.

Raj Kumar Sah, the Lok Janshakti Party's candidate from the Lalganj seat, has an attempt to murder case against him filed under Section 307 of the IPC. Both the Congress and the LJP should have, as directed by the Election Commission, published their criminal antecedents in newspapers, social media platforms and their party's websites. But neither party has done so, at least until late on Monday night.

The Congress and the LJP are not the only parties that have not complied with the EC's directive to publicise details of the candidates with a criminal history. Former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha's party, the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party, is among the prominent parties that is yet to comply with the order.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) uploaded details of the criminal cases of its candidates late on Sunday night, which was past the deadline for complying with the EC's order.

In a significant verdict on February 13, 2020, the Supreme Court had ruled that all political parties must publish the entire criminal history of candidates along with the reasons for fielding them.

"It shall be mandatory for political parties to upload on their website detailed information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, including the nature of the offences and relevant particulars," the court ruled. Following the apex court verdict, the EC, in an order passed on September 16, 2020, said that "details regarding criminal cases are to be published on three occasions during the campaign period." The first round of publicity has to be done "within first 4 days of withdrawal" of nomination papers.

The second and third times the parties have to publish details of criminal candidates are "between (the) next 5th- 8th days and once between (the) 9th day till the last day of campaign," the EC said.

For the first phase of polling on October 28, the first round of publicity should have been done by all political parties by October 16 as the last date of withdrawal of candidates was October 12. But except for the Rashtriya Janata Dal and the BJP, most other prominent parties have not uploaded the details of their criminal candidates. "THIS is gross contempt of the order of the Supreme Court as well as the Election Commission of India, which is the implementing agency," said former chief election commissioner S. Y. Quraishi, adding that "parties were willfully disobeying the Supreme Court judgment."

SC advocate K V Dhananjay said "any voter of a constituency can challenge the victory of a successful candidate on the ground that he blatantly violated the order passed by the Supreme Court." He said he had already drafted a petition for anyone wanting to challenge the election of criminal candidates.

When contacted, the Congress and LJP spokespersons Madan Mohan Jha and Ashraf Ansari respectively refused to comment while JD-U spokesman Ajay Alok said "there is no candidate with any criminal history. Tickets were denied to them."

An EC official said the commission cannot take suo moto action against any of the political parties for their alleged contempt of court and violation. "Only if someone files a complaint can we take cognisance of the matter," he said.

Quraishi blamed the weak electoral laws for this. "The whole problem is with our electoral laws, they cannot deal with violation of these sorts. The commission can at best pull up the political parties for the gross violation but can't bar them from elections or disqualify their elections."

Of the 1,066 candidates in the fray for the first phase, 319 have criminal cases. The RJDhas fielded the maximum with a criminal history, 29. It is followed by the BJP and the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) with 21 each, Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) 17 and the Janata Dal (United) JD(U) 14.

NEW BEGINNING

Students attend a class in Lucknow on Monday after authorities allowed resumption of classes for senior students of Class 9 to 12 with certain restrictions | PTI

SC tells Maharashtra to decide on Sikh ritual

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THE Maharashtra government on Monday opposed before the Supreme Court the Centre's suggestion to gradually allow religious gatherings and processions with all safety norms in place in wake of the Covid-19 situation and the state being the worst hit in the country.

The state government's stand came before a bench, led by Justice L Nageswara Rao who was hearing a petition by the Nanded Gurudwara management committee to take out a small procession to conduct Dussehra, *Takht Isnan*, *Deepmala* and *Gurta Gaddi*.

The plea maintained that it was a three-century-old tradition and that the management will ensure not more than 50 people take out this procession, boarding a truck and adhering to all safety measures. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the central government, referred to the latest unlock guidelines to point out that the Ministry of Home Affairs has now permitted religious gathering up to 100 persons. The top law officer submitted that a middle path perhaps can be reached when the petitioners are willing to restrict the number of people allowed in the procession.

But senior lawyer Devadatt Kamat, appearing for the state government, opposed this and emphasised that it always becomes impossible to restrict people in a religious gathering and that the state will give precedence to public health and safety in the larger interest.

Home Secretary asks Mizoram, Assam to amicably resolve border dispute

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@ New Delhi/Guwahati

UNION Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Monday chaired a meeting with chief secretaries of Mizoram and Assam following violent clash at their inter-state border.

At a virtual conference with the chief secretaries as well as the DGPs, Bhalla asked both states to maintain peace at inter-state borders and sort out differences mutually and amicably.

Tension prevailed on the Assam-Mizoram border after a clash took place between the people of the two states, injuring several people. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah and apprised them of the latest situation on the inter-state border. Sonowal informed the PM of his discussion with his Mizoram counterpart Zoramthanga and the steps taken so far by the Assam government to diffuse tension.

"During the talk, PM Modi assured the CM of taking appropriate steps to improve the situation on the border. Earlier, CM Sonowal also called up Union Home Minister Amit Shah and briefed him about the situation. The Union Home Minister assured to extend all support to restore peace," an official statement from the CMO said.

Zoramthanga welcomed Sonowal's approach towards restoring peace in the region.

The two states have deployed security personnel, including those of the Indian Reserve Battalion, after at least eight people were injured and houses and shops torched on Saturday night in Vairengte-Lailapur on the border of Cachar in Assam and Kolasib in Mizoram. Mizoram was a part of Assam until it became a Union Territory in 1972 and a state in 1987.

The border is not clearly demarcated. As such, the villagers in both states construct structures and use each other's land for farming. Periodic inspection of such encroachment often leads to tension in the border areas.

Participation of Oz will send message

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EXPERTS welcomed the development. Commodore Anil Jai Singh, a noted defence analyst, said Australia's participation in the exercise will send an important message to China. "China has opened so many fronts simultaneously and India has been always considerate towards Chinese sensitivities but China never cared," he added.

Australia's decision to participate comes in the wake of Beijing's erecting trade barriers in retaliation to Canberra's demand for an inquiry into the origins of Covid-19.

Joe Biden not good for India as he is soft with China, Trump Jr to Indian Americans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

US President Donald Trump's son has said that Democratic Presidential candidate **Joe Biden** is not good for India as he will go soft on China.

"We have to understand the threat of China and no one knows that probably better than Indian-Americans. When you look at our opponents in this race. you think the Chinese gave Hunter Biden USD 1.5 billion . because he was a great businessman, or because they knew the Bidens could be bought, and therefore soft on China," Donald Trump Jr said. Trump Jr is leading his father's election campaign for the upcoming presidential polls on November 3. During his address, Trump Jr referred to the book which details the alleged corrupt practices of the Biden family. "It is not just China, as they said China Inc with the Bidens, it as the Ukrainian, it was Russia and it was overwhelming because they know that he can be bought. That's not going to bode well for people who are democratic minded or independent business people," he said.

Saying that the Indian-American community is near and dear to him, Trump Jr said, "The Indian community is hard working, family oriented and education oriented. Indian-Americans have been looking at what the Democrats have been pushing or what they have been ignoring for the last six months," he said.

He also referred to the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad in February. "When I saw the enthusiasm of my father with PM Modi .I used to think that Trump rallies were pretty big in America but that was the biggest Trump rally probably ever," he said.

CHIEF PRINCIPAL SECY

Former Haryana chief secretary D S Dhesi was on Monday appointed chief principal secretary to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar with immediate effect.

1 ARRESTED OVER RAPE OF 2 MINOR COUSINS IN R'STHAN

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	33	24	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	32	25
Amritsar	36	22	Lucknow	35	24
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	26	12	Chandigarh	36	22

Visitors check statues depicting migrant labourers displayed at a community Durga Puja pandal in Kolkata on Monday | PTI

NO VISITORS AT PUJA PANDALS IN WEST BENGAL: HC

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Calcutta High Court on Monday declared all Durga puja pandals across the state as no-entry zones amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The order came three days ahead of Bengal's biggest festival.

Also, in a setback to CM Mamata Banerjee, who has already announced Rs 50,000 to each puja pandal in the state, the High Court said money cannot be spent in this manner. It said 75 per cent of it will have to be utilized for procuring masks and sanitisers for distribution among the visitors. The rest should be used for building awareness by the police.

The court said only 25 organizers will be allowed inside the big pandals while their number will be limited to only 15 in smaller pandals.

The court said all pandals will have to be barricaded at their entrances to obviate visitors' entry. For smaller pandals, barricades will have to be put up five meters from the structure.

The court expressed its disappointment over the state government's failure to come up with a plan to implement the Covid-19 guidelines during the festival days. The director general of police and the commissioner of Kolkata police have been told to submit a report within four days of Laxmi Puja.

On Sunday, the Covid19 deaths in Bengal went past the 6,000-mark, with 64 more fatalities. The state logged a record number of 3,983 fresh cases, which brought the total up to 3,21,036, showed data from the state health department.

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Tejashwi backs Chirag as LJP chief slams CM

RJD leader says Nitish did injustice to Chirag; LJP chief says will perform better than JD-U

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at a poll rally at Tekari in Gaya district on Monday | PTI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

IN a tactical move, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who is also the Grand Alliance's chief ministerial candidate, came out in support of LJP's Chirag Paswan on Monday.

Tejashwi said the CM Nitish left Chirag Paswan at a time when he needed him the most after his father's death. "Nitish Kumar did injustice to Chirag", Tejashwi said a day after Chirag Paswan accused Nitish Kumar of trying to create a rift between his party and the BJP.

"The CM specialises in divide-and-rule policy", Chirag had said.

On Monday, Chirag tweeted that his party would win more seats than the Nitish Kumar-led JD-U and dared Nitish Kumar to list works done in the past five years. His statement came a day after the BJP and JD-U leaders claimed that the LJP would not win more than three seats. "Only bureaucrats have ruled the state in the past five years", said Chirag.

He said people should be given an account of welfare works when a JD-U leader asks for their votes. "Looking at the past five years, one can imagine the next five years if the JD-U stays on in power. Every single vote cast for the JD-U will lead to Bihar's ruin", he said.

Chirag also expressed displeasure over the use of term 'vote katua' for his party by some BJP leaders to keep Kumar happy. "I am pained at the term vote katua being used against the LJP. They should apply their own wisdom and not use such words just to make somebody happy... I don't mind whatever BJP leaders say, because I know they are just putting words to the chief ministers thoughts, the 37-year-old son of Ram Vilas Paswan, one of the foremost Dalit leaders and the LJP founder, said.

Several BJP leaders including Union Minister Prakash Javadekar and Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi have called LJP a 'vote katua'.

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Chirag Paswan, LJP president

They may start biz in name of giving jobs: CM

Ridiculing Tejashwi Yadav's promise of providing 10 lakh jobs if elected to power, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar said on Monday the RJD leader has no knowledge or experience and "they may start their own business" in the name of providing employment.

No property tax will be imposed in J&K, says L-G

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

LT Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha on Monday said the government will not impose any property tax in the Union Territory.

"Let me clarify that there is no proposal to impose the property tax in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory," Sinha said while addressing 'My Town My Pride' meeting in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

He asserted that the administration will not impose any property tax in J&K.

The L-G also announced the administration has no proposal to reduce or scrap the honorarium of elected Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies

Sinha's statement on property tax assumes significance as last week Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had empowered the J&K administration to impose the property tax after an amendment to the J&K Municipal Act, 2000 and J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 through the J&K Reorganisation (Adaption of State Laws) order, 2020.

All political parties and business bodies in J&K had opposed any imposition of property tax in J&K, which has been witnessing turmoil and militancy since 1990.

The L-G's statement was welcomed by the political parties.

Apni Party spokesman Javaid Baig said the L-G's remarks have allayed the mounting apprehensions among the people of J&K.

EXPRESS READ

HC refuses to quash FIR against Arnab

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to quash the FIR against the Republic TV founder and editor Arnab Goswami in the alleged TRP scam. It also denied to give protection if actions are taken by Mumbai Police in connection with the case. The bench comprising Justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik directed the Mumbai Police to issue a summons to Goswami in the first instance if he is proposed to be added as an accused in the FIR alleging manipulation of TRP.

AAP MLAs on sit-in at House

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AAP MLAs sat on an indefinite dharna in protest against the Punjab government for not tabling a Bill to counter the Centre's farm laws on the first day of the two-day special Assembly session.

"Since the House was adjourned, 13 AAP MLAs sat inside the Well of the House. In the evening, Assembly Speaker Rana KP Singh placated them saying the session cannot be conveyed on Tuesday as their protest was on. Our MLAs are now sitting in the lobby of the Assembly,'' said an AAP spokesperson.

Earlier, Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal had informed the House that the Amarinder Singh government is consulting constitutional experts and that the copies of the Bills will be provided to the opposition parties by the evening. The House proceedings began on a stormy note as the AAP and the Shriomani Akali Dal (SAD) protested against the contentious farm laws. The Akalis registered a formal protest for not being provided with the copies of the Bills. They also wrote to the Speaker urging him to take action against those responsible for not allowing SAD members to interact with the media.

The Akali MLAs claimed that the Bills were not being made public with three crore Punjabis because they were being finalised as per directions of the Modi government. "The government is gearing up to betray Punjabis as it did in the case of the river waters termination Act in 2004 which allowed continuous flow of river waters to Haryana and Rajasthan,'' an Akali leader said.

CBI questions AMU hospital doctors, all jailed accused in Hathras case

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AROUND a week after taking over the probe into Hathras gang-rape and murder case, a CBI team on Monday visited AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital to question the doctors who had treated the victim before she was shifted to Delhi.

They also visited the Aligarh jail to interrogate the four accused. The central probe agency had set up five teams — while two visited Aligarh, two were in Boolgarhi village and one was based at the temporary camp office of the CBI in Hathras. Of the two teams, which visited Aligarh on Monday, one visited AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital where the victim, after a deterioration in her condition, was brought from Hathras on the evening of the fateful day.

According to sources, the interrogation of the doctors revolved around the condition of the victim when she was brought to the hospital from Hathras and when she was referred to the Safdurjung Hospital in Delhi. The CBI officials also interrogated all the four accused one by one for hours in the jail, said the sources. In Hathras, another CBI team summoned inspector DK Verma, the suspended in-charge of Chandpa police station under which Boolgarhi village falls, for further questioning.

He was questioned earlier, too. Verma was among those five police personnel, including Hathras SP Virkant Vir, who were suspended by the UP government on the basis of the preliminary report submitted by a three-member SIT. Meanwhile, the CBI again summoned alleged eyewitness Vikram alias Chhotu to its base camp office.

The owner of the millet field, where the incident had taken place on September 14, demanded ₹50,000 compensation from the government as he claimed that he has lost his crop to preserve crime evidence. The farmer added that he was unable to repay a loan worth ₹1.6 lakh as his crops were destroyed.

Ballia firing accused sent to judicial remand

LUCKNOW: A local court in Ballia on Monday remanded **Dhirendra Pratap Singh**, the main accused in the shooting incident last week, in 14-day judicial custody. Singh was arrested by the UP STF from a park in Lucknow on Sunday morning.

The suspect had allegedly shot dead a 46-year-old man, Jaiprakash Pal, during an open meeting over the allocation of two fair price shops in Durjanpur village of Ballia on October 15 in the presence of top police and administration officials.

Singh was absconding for the last four days and had released video messages pleading his innocence in the case.

After his arrest, the accused was brought to Ballia late Sunday night and taken to the Kotwali police station. The police produced him before the chief judicial magistrate on Monday.

Meanwhile, UP BJP Swatantra Deo Singh has summoned local party MLA, Surendra Singh, and asked for his explanation over his support to the accused. This was followed by BJP chief JP Nadda conveying his dissatisfaction over the MLA's behaviour. Surendra Singh has repeatedly said that his aide fired at Jai Prakash Pal in "self-defence". He has also spoken against the police for the "one-sided inquiry." *ENS*

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan (C) during a silent protest in Bhopal | PTI

Shivraj leads protest, Nath says word misinterpreted

BHOPAL: BJP leaders in Madhya Pradesh, led by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday held a 'Maun Vrat' (silent protest) against ex-CM Kamal Nath, while the National Commission for Women (NCW) sought an explanation from the Congress leader for referring Jyotiraditya Scindia-loyalist cabinet minister Imarti Devi as "item" on Sunday.

While Chouhan along with senior ministers observed the protest for two hours in Bhopal, Rajya Sabha MP Scindia held a similar protest in Indore.

BSP chief Mayawati too tweeted over the issue, terming Nath's objectionable reference about the Dalit woman politician as shameful and condemnable.

Chouhan also wrote to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, asking her to condemn Nath's remarks and remove him from the party.

Under attack, Nath, however, tried to play down the issue.

Addressing a bypoll rally in Khandwa district on Monday, the former CM said: "I had said something yesterday, but I didn't say it intentionally. I wasn't remembering the name, so I said it."

Responding to Chouhan's letter, Nath wrote to the CM, saying: "The word has been misinterpreted by you to divert the bypoll campaign from real issues. Instead of writing a letter to the Congress chief, it would have been better if you had written a letter to your party president about derogatory remarks made by your ministers against women."

Demanding Nath's ouster, Devi — a BJP candidate from Dabra seat of Gwalior district — said: "Sonia ji is also a mother. If someone refers to her daughter in the same manner, how would she react?" *ENS*

Karate champ's ordeal strikes Soren's attention, gets govt job

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND CM Hemant Soren on Monday announced that **Bimla Munda**, a national karate champion from Ranchi who had to resort to selling 'hadia' (rice beer) to eke out a living for herself, will be given a state government job within a month.

A report related to the sufferings of Munda, who has fetched several medals for the state, including a silver in 34th National games, was published in *The Sunday Express* showing how she is being forced to sell handia. Taking note after her ordeal, Soren asked the Ranchi Deputy Commissioner to "provide immediate relief to Munda with the coordination of Sports Secretary".

"I got to know through media reports that Munda has been facing hardships due to poor financial conditions. I am glad to announce that Munda, along with other 32 sportspersons shortlisted earlier for winning medals for the state, will be given a government job within a month," said Soren.

Very soon, the process of direct recruitment of sportspersons will be started in Jharkhand, the CM added.

Moreover, in case a player gets inured during the practice or any tournament or suffering from any serious ailment, he or she will be provided free treatment by the government, he said. "I would like to give assurance to every sportsperson in Jharkhand that the government has taken an initiative to stand by them in the hour of need and help them in crafting a better future for them," he said. The CM also said even before the Jharkhand Sportspersons Registration portal was launched on Monday, over 700 sportspersons had already registered themselves on this website. The data will increase further which is really a good sign, he added.

Special stalls allowed to set up in festive season

From October 23, for the festive seasons, stalls will be allowed to be put up in different markets across the city by the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation but with proper Covid-19 protocol. The stall owner will be issued a challan if proper distancing is not followed and people visiting the stall do not wear a mask. Stalls will be allowed for Diwali, Dussehra and Karva Chauth. Permission will be given for three, seven and 20 days. For Dussehra, the MC will start issuing permissions from October 23 to October 25.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

Municipal corporation to fix fee for waste collection

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (CMC) will fix user charges for door-to-door collection of garbage. Five slabs have been set for residential dwelling units. These are up to 50 square metre, 50 square metre to 200 square metre, 200 square metre to 500 square metre, 500 square metre to 1,000 square metre and over 1,000 square metre. The residents will have to pay between ₹50 and ₹350 per month to dispose of garbage at their doorstep in the form of segregated waste. Currently, private garbage agencies collect waste from the doorstep and segregate it themselves and charge for the same. The corporation is already running vehicles in 13 villages to collect garbage segregated from households free of cost, but now it proposes to levy charges on it.

Sanskritik Manch organises online Ramlila

The Ordnance Cable Factory (OCF) Sanskritik Manch, which organises Ramlila at Sector 29, has decided to go digital amid the coronavirus pandemic, and it has already started shooting and uploading Ramlila episodes on YouTube and Facebook. It will be uploading eight episodes of 20-25 minutes. While the Chandigarh Administration has given permission to more than 50 Ramlilas, many organisers are still sceptical about organising the events.

Space at govt schools to be used for parking

To avoid traffic congestion during the festive season, the Chandigarh Traffic Police has designated the open space at 33 government schools in 18 sectors as additional parking lots. The open spaces at the government schools of Sector 8, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44, 46 and Mani Majra will be used as parking space during the festive season. The people have been asked not to park their vehicles on pedestrian pathways and cycle tracks. The traders have been asked to appoint their volunteers to manage traffic in markets to assist the police to avoid congestion.

China 1st major economy to recover from pandemic

With coronavirus under control, country's GDP may expand further

BEIJING

CHINA'S shaky economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic is gaining strength as consumers return to shopping malls and auto dealerships while the United States and Europe endure painful contractions.

Growth in the world's second-largest economy accelerated to 4.9% over a year earlier in the three months ending in September, up from the previous quarter's 3.2%, official data showed Monday. Retail spending rebounded and factory output rose, boosted by demand for exports of masks and other medical supplies.

China is the only major economy that is expected to grow this year while activity in the United States, Europe and Japan shrinks.

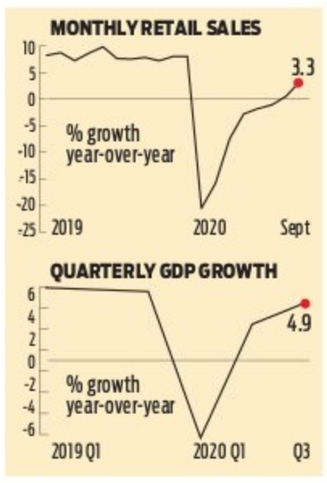
The recovery is "broadening out and becoming less reliant" on government stimulus, Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report. He said growth is "still accelerating" heading into the present quarter.

Most Asian stock markets rose on the news of increased activity in China, the biggest trading partner for all of its neighbors. Japan's Nikkei 225 index added 1.1% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed 0.9%. Markets in South Korea and Australia also rose.

China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.7% on expectations the relatively strong data will reduce the likelihood of additional stimulus that might boost share prices.

China, where the pandemic began in December, became the first major economy to return to growth after the ruling Communist Party declared the disease under control in March and began reopening factories, shops and offices.

Women wearing face masks walk near a shopping mall in Beijing on Monday | AP



The economy contracted by 6.8% in the first quarter, its worst performance since at least the mid-1960s, before rebounding.

The economy "continued the steady recovery," the National Bureau of Statistics said in a report. However, it warned, "the international environment is still complicated and severe." It said China faces great pressure to prevent a resurgence of the virus.

Authorities have lifted curbs on travel and business but visitors to government and other public buildings still are checked for the virus's telltale fever. Travelers arriving from abroad must be quarantined for two weeks.

Last week, more than 10 million people were tested for the virus in the eastern port of Qingdao after 12 cases were found there. That broke a two-month streak with no virus transmissions reported within China.

Industrial production rose 5.8% over the same quarter last year, a marked improvement over the first half's 1.3% contraction. Chinese exporters are taking market share from foreign competitors that still are hampered by anti-virus controls.

In a sign demand is accelerating, sales in September rose 3.3%. "China's recovery in private consumption is gathering momentum," said Stephen Innes of AxiCorp in a report.

The ruling party promised in May to spend $280 billion on meeting goals including creating 9 million new jobs. But it has avoided joining the US and Japan in rolling out stimulus packages of $1 trillion or more due to concern about adding to already high Chinese debt. *AP*

4 school kids aided attacker in identifying Paris teacher?

PARIS

FOUR schoolchildren were being held by French police on Monday on suspicion of helping a man who beheaded a history teacher to identify his victim in return for money, a judiciary source said.

They were among 15 people being held over the incident, one of whom was previously convicted for terror-related crimes and admitted to having had contact with the man who killed Samuel Paty for showing a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed to his class, the source said. Paty was "pointed out" to his attacker "by one or more pupils, probably in return for payment", as per the source.

The killer's parents, grandfather and younger brother, detained over the weekend, remain in custody.

Those in custody also included a known Islamist radical as well as the father of one of Paty's pupils who had launched an online campaign against the teacher.

One other person was being held on suspicion of driving the killer, and another for allegedly accompanying him during the purchase of one of his weapons.

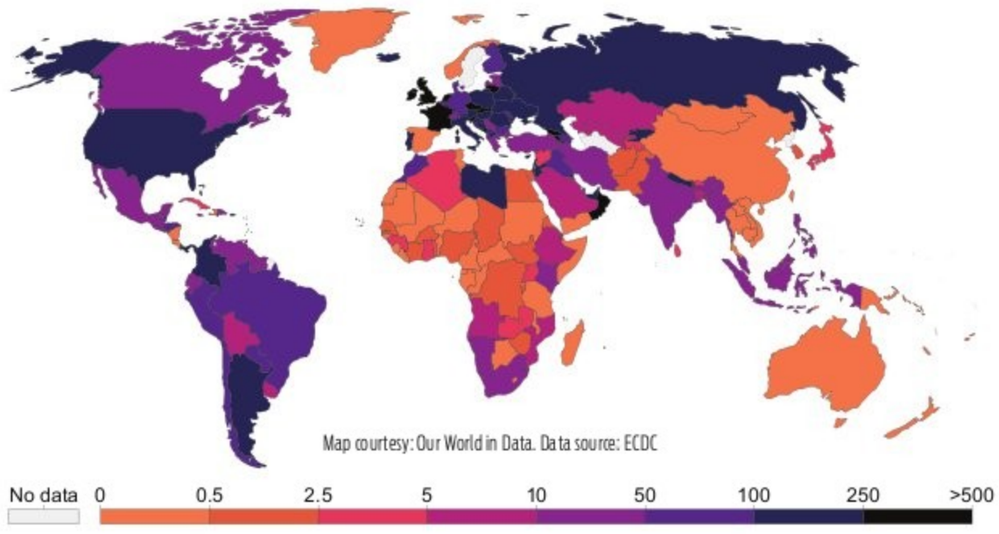
Raids on Islamist networks

French police on Monday launched a series of raids targeting Islamist networks. Gerald Darmanin said "dozens" of individuals were being probed for suspected radicalisation.

While they were "not necessarily linked" to Paty's killing, the government aimed to send a message that there would be "not a minute's respite for enemies of the Republic", he added. Darmanin said the government would also tighten the noose on NGOs with suspected links to Islamist networks, including the Anti-Islamophobia Collective. *AFP*

World struggles as total Covid tally tops 40 mn

Colours on the map indicate the number of daily new confirmed coronavirus cases on October 19 per million people



Recent surge driven by European nations

LONDON

THE US, India and Brazil are reporting by far the highest numbers of cases — 8.1 million, 7.5 million and 5.2 million respectively — although the global increase in recent weeks has been driven by a surge in Europe, which has seen over 240,000 virus deaths in the pandemic so far.

In the US, some states are trying more targeted measures as cases continue to rise across the country. New York's new round of virus shutdowns zeroes in on individual neighborhoods, closing schools and businesses in hot spots measuring just a couple of square miles.

The actual worldwide tally of Covid-19 cases is likely to be far higher, as testing has been uneven or limited, many people have had no symptoms and some governments have concealed the true number of cases. To date, more than 1.1 million confirmed virus deaths have been reported, although experts also believe that number is an undercount.

The World Health Organization said last week that Europe had a reported a record weekly high of nearly 700,000 cases and said the region was responsible for about a third of cases globally. Britain, France, Russia and Spain account for about half of all new cases in the region, and countries like Belgium and the Czech Republic are facing more intense outbreaks now than they did in the spring. *AP*

Trump's bid to recycle Clinton attacks falls flat

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump stood before a crowd in a state that had once been firmly in his grasp. There were fewer than three weeks left in the campaign, one reshaped by a deadly pandemic, and he was running out of time to change the trajectory of the race.

"Did you hear the news?" the president asked the hopeful crowd. "Bruce Ohr is finally out of the Department of Justice." There were scattered cheers in the crowd as the president then detailed the fate of a mostly forgotten, minor figure in the Russia probe that feels like a lifetime of news cycles ago.

That moment Wednesday in Iowa, a state Trump won comfortably four years ago but is now seen as competitive, underscored a fundamental challenge facing his reelection campaign: It's not 2016.

The president's attempts to recycle attacks he used on Hillary Clinton that year have so far failed to effectively damage Democrat Joe Biden.

IMRAN INCAPABLE & CLUELESS: PAK OPPN

KARACHI

PAKISTANI Prime Minister Imran Khan is "incapable and clueless", and his government is worse than a dictatorship, opposition leaders said at the second rally of an alliance formed to oust the premier.

The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), an alliance of 11 opposition parties formed on September 20, has launched a three-phased anti-government movement under an "action plan" to remove the Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) government.

Under the plan a number of rallies public meetings and demonstrations will be held across the country, before a "decisive long march" to Islamabad in January next year. The first of these rallies was held on Friday near Lahore.

Supporters of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) in Karachi | AP

"This incapable and clueless prime minister will have to go home," Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said on Sunday at the Bagh-e-Jinnah, which was packed with people including supporters and workers of the alliance's members.

History has proved that the biggest dictators could not survive and "what standing does this puppet have?", Zardari said targeting Prime Minister Khan and added that "this is not a new fight but this will be a decisive fight".

The rally here also marked the 13th anniversary of the twin blasts in Karsaz that targeted the homecoming procession of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto in 2007.

PML-N vice presidents Maryam Nawaz and Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party chairman Mehmood Achakzai and JUI-F leader Maulana Fazlur Rehman were among those present. *PTI*

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

MADURAI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Arinagar Anna Maligai, Tallakulam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date	19th October 2020
Loan No. and Title	Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP): Tranche 2
Contract No. and Title	Tender Notice No. Ma.Po. 2/12276/AMRUT(WS) 4/2020-2021 Dedicated Water Supply Scheme for Madurai City Municipal Corporation from Mullai Periyar River at Lower Camp - Construction of Distribution Network System (DI & HDPE), House Service Connections, and Instrumentation for Madurai City Municipal Corporation Added Area - Package 4 – Phase II
Deadline for Submission of Bids	03.12.2020, upto 15.00 Hrs.

1. India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP) – Tranche 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
2. **"The Commissioner, Madurai City Municipal Corporation"** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the following works.

Dedicated Water Supply Scheme for Madurai City Municipal Corporation from Mullai Periyar River at Lower Camp - Construction of Distribution Network System (DI & HDPE), House Service Connections, and Instrumentation for Madurai City Municipal Corporation Added Area - **Package 4 – Phase II ("the Works").**

3. **National competitive bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
- Minimum average annual construction turnover of **INR.114.55 Crores**, calculated as total certified received payments for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years;
- Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of **INR.19.10 Crores**
- Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds **INR.183.29 Crores.** The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology, or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements).
- Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Document.

However, for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, refer to the bid document.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:

THE COMMISSIONER,
Madurai City Municipal Corporation.
Aringar Anna Maligai, Tallakulam,
Alagar Kovil Main Road,
Madurai – 625002.
E.mail : commr.madurai@tn.gov.in & mducorp@gmail.com
Phone: 0452 – 2531116, FAX: 0452 – 2530965

6. A Pre-bid meeting shall take place on **10.11.2020 at 16.30 Hrs (IST),** at the address stated above.
7. To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should:
- Visit the office of the City Engineer, Madurai City Municipal Corporation, Madurai at address stated above and pay a non refundable fee of **INR 5000** towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft in favor of the Commissioner, Madurai City Municipal Corporation, Madurai.
- In case of written request, the document will be sent by post / courier. The Bidders who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 1000 for delivery within India, or USD 16 for delivery outside India.The method of payment will be through bank demand draft in favor of the Commissioner, Madurai City Municipal Corporation, Madurai. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

Eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document in English language from the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in from 19.10.2020 to 03.12.2020 upto 15.00 Hours.**

Eligible bidders who download the bidding document from above website shall inform The Commissioner, Madurai City Municipal Corporation in writing (and provide the contact details) at the address given above, failing which The Commissioner, Madurai City Municipal Corporation shall not be responsible if the bidder does not receive clarifications and amendments, if any.

8. Bids should be submitted
- to the address above
- on or before the deadline **03.12.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs. (IST)**
- Together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
- Electronic submission is not allowed.

Bids will be opened on **03.12.2020 at 15.30 Hrs (IST)** in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after technical bids evaluation, whereas, the financial bids of those Bidders whose technical bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

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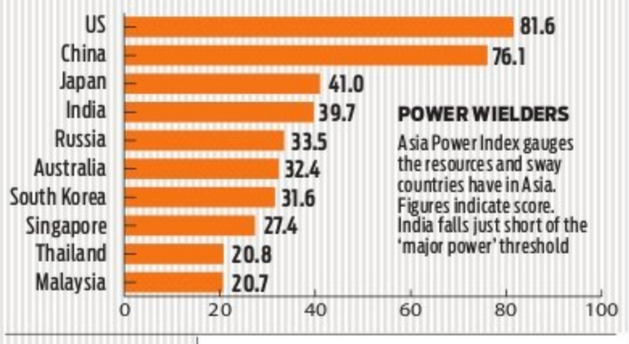
Commissioner,
Madurai City Municipal Corporation

India slips in Asia power ranking

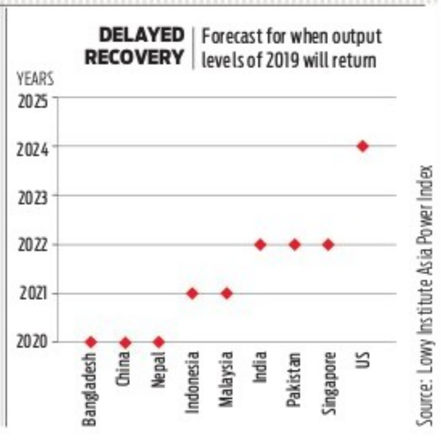
The perception of their handling of the pandemic has reduced the influence of India and the US in Asia, while China's heft remains unchanged, Lowy Institute says



BAD NEWS FOR INDIA?

India has lost a lot of growth potential due to the pandemic. Its score fell by 1.3 points from 2019 to 39.7 in the Index

"On current trends, India will only reach 40% of China's economic output by the close of the decade – down from the 50% forecast in the 2019 Asia Power Index," the Lowy Institute said



Evo signals return to Bolivia as his heir claims poll victory

LA PAZ

EXILED former president Evo Morales on Monday signaled his intention to return to Bolivia after polls showed his leftist heir Luis Arce winning a sweeping presidential election victory.

"Sooner or later we are going to return to Bolivia, that is not in debate," Morales told a press conference in Buenos Aires.

"My great desire is to return to Bolivia and enter my region. It is a matter of time," said Morales, who was ousted amid protests after his victory in 2019 elections was annulled over rigging allegations.

Evo Morales' party claimed victory in a presidential election that appeared to reject the right-wing policies of the interim government that took power in Bolivia after the leftist leader resigned and fled the country a year ago.

Officials released no formal, comprehensive quick count of results from Sunday's vote, but two independent surveys of selected polling places showed Morales' handpicked successor, Luis Arce, with a lead of roughly 20 percentage points over his closest rival — far more than needed to avoid a runoff.

Luis Arce (L), former President Evo Morales' (R) handpicked successor | AP

"We still have no official count, but according to the data we have, Mr. Arce (and his running mate) have won the election," interim President Jeanine Áñez — an archrival of Morales — said on Twitter. "I congratulate the winners and I ask them to govern with Bolivia and democracy in mind."

"I think the Bolivian people want to retake the path we were on," Arce declared around midnight to supporters. *Agencies*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
448.62	Sensex	40,431.6	₹11.8	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,102.3	₹982	Per kg	₹62,540	Dollar		73.37
110.6	Nifty	11,873.05	₹11.9	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,082	₹0.98	Per gm	₹62.54	Euro		86.44

Oaktree bids ₹28,000 cr for DHFL

While other bids were also made, sources say only Oaktree had bid for the full portfolio

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EVEN as troubled Dewan Housing Finance Ltd's (DHFL) promoter Kapil Wadhawan has offered personal assets to settle all claims by creditors, US-based asset management company Oaktree Capital has offered ₹28,000 crore for DHFL's entire portfolio.

"Many companies have shown interest but, so far, the largest proposal came from Oaktree to the tune of ₹28,000 crore. The negotiation is not final, but we will prefer whoever offers to buy the entire stake, rather than in parts," a source aware of the development said. Sources also say that there were other bidders, including Adani Properties, Hong Kong-based SC Lowy, and Piramal Enterprises, who had submitted a bid for DHFL. However, all these bids were for only part of DHFL's portfolio and project specific. The deadline for submitting bids for the bankrupt NBFC was October 17.

Officials say that the final call on the matter will be taken once the core committee of lenders meets to hold discussions on the bids, which is likely on October 20. The sources also added that the company's Committee of Creditors is scheduled to hold a meeting on October 26.

DHFL is the first financial services company which has been sent to the NCLT under the insolvency and bankruptcy code (IBC). As on date, it owed a total of ₹83,873 crore to banks, the National Housing Board, mutual funds and bondholders.

Meanwhile, the company's promoter Kapil Wadhawan, who is in jail in connection to a money laundering case, has written to the administrator appointed by the Reserve Bank of India, offering his personal assets to settle claims.

In a nine page letter dated October 17, Wadhawan proposed that he be allowed to transfer the right, title and interest in these projects to ensure a complete resolution of DHFL so that all the NBFC's creditors could be repaid their dues without any haircut on the principal amount.

FM asks CPSEs to spend 75% of capex by December

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked all central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) to spend 75 per cent of their capex, including share buybacks, by the end of the quarter ended December 2020. The move is an effort to give a boost to the flagging economy.

The planned capital expenditure (capex) of all 14 CPSEs is estimated at ₹1.15 lakh crore, and since the government is parched for funds, accelerated spending by CPSEs will ensure that investment remains intact in major infrastructure projects.

In a virtual meeting held with the heads of all CPSEs on Monday, Sitharaman asked officials to closely monitor their CPSE's performance and ensure that they spent 75 per cent of their total capital outlay by the end of December. Finance ministry officials had also observed that the CPSEs were not spending enough.

According to sources who were present in the meeting, up to the first half of the year (H1), these PSUs have spent around ₹37,423 crore, which was just 32 per cent of their total planned capex. In FY 2019-20, against the capex target of ₹1,11,672 crore, the 14 CPSEs had achieved ₹1,16,323 crore, i.e. 104 per cent.

During the meeting, while the CPSE heads said that the lockdown had caused delays in investment decisions, Sitharaman requested the respective secretaries to ensure that the CPSEs spent their capital fully, and in time bound manner.

Finance ministry officials also suggested that the companies should consider exercising the option of buying back shares if they are not able to meet the targets. Sitharaman added that a better performance by CPSEs can help the economy to recover from the impact of Covid-19.

"This was the fourth in the ongoing series of meetings that the finance minister is having with various stakeholders to accelerate economic growth," said an official statement.

ESOF-III

Edelweiss raises ₹6,600 cr, eyes new $1 bn realty fund

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FINANCIAL services major Edelweiss Group on Monday said that its asset management wing has managed to raise ₹6,600 crore from global long term investors for an investment/lending fund which will lend to Indian companies and projects looking for capital.

According to the group, the AMC is also planning to raise an alternative investment fund (AIF) of over $1 billion next year which will look to invest in Indian real estate assets. "This fund raise, amidst subdued economic climate, is a strong endorsement of the opportunities in the Indian alternative asset management space, as well as the robust and unique private debt platform of EAM," the group said in its statement.

Group chairman Rashesh Shah pointed out that $890 million is the largest fund raise that has been recorded this year by any Indian entity. He added that the fund raised by this Edelweiss Special Opportunities Fund-III (ESOF), will go into companies that are not being served by the banks or NBFCs due to potential asset liability mismatches.

Edelweiss Asset Management's (EAM) president and head Hemant Daga meanwhile, said that the platform is targeting a return of 16-18 per cent per annum for the seven-year fund. Among the investors for the fund are global long term investors such as pension funds and insurance companies, Daga said.

The ESOF-III will be a sector-agnostic fund and EAM plans to commit up to 35 per cent of the $890 million corpus in the next year. "Banks and Mutual Funds have been receding from the structured credit space in line with global trends and the current dislocation has further accentuated the need for long-term flexible capital. This presents a huge opportunity for private debt players and it's reassuring to note that the present market environment has not deterred investors," Shah said.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹476

Target Price ₹558

TATA CONSUMER

Tea prices currently stand at ₹234/kg, which is likely to stabilize around ₹170/kg. However, once tea prices stabilize, it is likely to be higher v/s pre-COVID prices. This should aid in driving value growth for the company. We also expect margin expansion to moderate in the near term as high cost tea inventory, which is procured by the company, will be sold in the following few quarters of the financial year.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Jet Airways' new promoters plan to get it back in the air in 4-6 months

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Jet Airways' route to full revival

The first step for the airline is to get NCLT approval on the bid made by the Kalrock-Jalan consortium. The second is to get back its premium slots at major airports that have been temporarily alloted to other carriers last year

IF everything goes according to plan, grounded Jet Airways may start flying again in the next four to six months, said Ashish Chhawchharia, Jet Airways Resolution Professional to multiple media outlets on Monday.

According to Chhawchharia, the first step for the airline is to get NCLT approval on the bid made by the Kalrock-Jalan consortium. The second is to get back its premium slots at major airports that have been temporarily alloted to other carriers last year, when Jet Airways was forced to cease operations indefinitely.

He added that Jet has 12 planes in its fleet in India and abroad currently, and that it would start operations on both domestic and international routes. He added that the winning bidder has put in place a management team to restart operations and is in talk with multiple stakeholders, including the government, to hasten the process.

On October 17, nearly one and half year it was grounded, Jet Airways' Committee of Creditors, led by the SBI, had declared the consortium of Kalrock Capital–Murari Lal Jalan as the new owners of the airline. According to a Reuters report, the new owners had agreed to pump in ₹1,000 crore as working capital and another ₹1,000 crore paid to creditors over a period of five years.

Experts, however, feel it will be very challenging for the new owners to revive the airline. CAPA India head Kapil Kaul said that the path to restart operations is very "tough and uncertain".

Meanwhile, shares of Jet Airways were locked in an upper circuit on the stock exchanges, jumping 5 per cent to ₹42.20 on the NSE. Jet's stock has rallied 47 per cent in the past eight sessions.

Jet was forced to ground flights in April 2019 due to a scarcity of funds and rising debt. Two years ago, it had operated a fleet of nearly 120 planes globally.

Kalyan Jewellers receives SEBI nod for market debut

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KALYAN Jewellers India Ltd has received market regulator SEBI's nod to issue an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of equity through the stock exchanges to raise an estimated ₹1,750 crore. The IPO comprises issuance of fresh equity aggregating up to ₹1,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) worth ₹750 crore, according to its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

Kalyan Jewellers' promoter T S Kalyanaraman would be offloading shares worth up to ₹250 crore, while Highdell Investment Ltd would sell up to ₹500 crore worth of shares through the OFS route. SEBI on Monday, said it had given permission to Kalyan Jewellers, which had filed the draft IPO papers two months ago, to go ahead with the IPO.

The proceeds from the fresh issue of shares would be used to fund working capital needs and general corporate spending. At the end of June this year, the company had 107 showrooms in some 21 states.

EXPRESS READ

Sebi guidelines for use of farmer, FPO funds

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Monday permitted commodity exchanges to use funds created for farmers and farmer producer organisations (FPOs) for reimbursing mandi taxes and other charges incurred on storage and transport. This decision was taken by the Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee to encourage farmers in the commodities market. Two years ago, SEBI had asked exchanges to set up the fund using regulatory fees foregone by the regulator.

Full 5G network rollout likely to cost telecom firms over ₹1 lakh crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

5G technology may be the next game-changer in digital communications, but rolling out a full-fledged 5G network is set to be an exorbitant affair in India. According to a research report from Motilal Oswal Financial Services, the required investment to create such a network would cost ₹2.3 lakh crore on a midband (3,300-3,600 MHz) spectrum, and around ₹1.3 lakh crore on a lowband (700 MHz) spectrum.

"Investments in three key large components for a 5G network-Spectrum, Sites and Fiber on mid/lowband spectrum with pan-India coverage would stand at ₹2.3 lakh crore/₹1.3 lakh crore, which should reduce to ₹1.3 lakh crore/₹788 lakh crore for coverage of only Metros and 'A' circles," the brokerage noted.

Even with reduced coverage and a cost of ₹15 lakh per site, the total launch cost may come down to ₹1.6 lakh crore-which is still an amount likely to cause serious stress on already unhealthy telecom balance sheets. However, "assuming rollout starting from FY23E, a staggered deployment over the next 4-5 years (in line with 4G investment trend) could insulate the impact to a large extent," the report observed.

Considering the weak financial situation, India's telecom companies are likely to wait until the technology is already well-established and proven in other international markets before committing to a full commercial launch.

So far, commercial 5G launches have been made in 26 countries and 5G subscribers stood at 10 million in 2019. This number, however, is expected to rise to 2.8 billion by 2025.

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> Motilal Oswal Financial Services

"We believe in the initial phase, telcos may selectively choose spectrum in a few circles and run 5G for select enterprise-driven Internet of Things (IoT) operations," the brokerage said. However, since the expiry dates for spectrum held by RJio (115MHz quantity in the 800MHz band acquired/shared from RCOM), Bharti Airtel (57Mhz quantity in the 1,800MHz band) and VIL (37.8MHz/6.2Mhz quantity in the 1,800MHz/900MHz band) are all set to arrive within the year, companies may need to shell out around ₹28,000 crore, ₹12,900 crore and ₹8,300 at reserve price for the spectrum respectively.

BHARAT BOOST

India's small towns to drive 50% of festive e-comm sales

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S smaller towns and cities (tier II and III) are likely to drive 50 per cent of sales, worth over $3 billion, during this festive season. According to an analysis by market research firm Redseer Consulting, there is also a likelihood of 50 million shoppers buying from e-commerce platforms in the period, with more than 35 million e-shoppers located in tier-II and III cities.

Bengaluru-based Flipkart said that on the first day of its Big Billions Day sales event, 50 per cent of the new customers came from tier III cities across all categories. "Along with the momentum witnessed from metros and Tier-II cities, 50 per cent of new customers have been from Tier-III+ cities, across categories. 60 per cent of the sellers on the platform belonged to tier-II cities and beyond," the e-tailer said. Flipkart backed fashion retail platform, Myntra also said that 50 per cent of its shoppers on the first day of the sale came from tier-II and III cities. Overall, 1.5 million customers shopped on the platform which registered a 100 per cent growth in sales.

"We feel elated with the phenomenal opening response with over 2 lakh new customers participating in the Big Fashion Festival so far. Shoppers in Tier-II and Tier-III cities and towns are likely to outdo their counterparts in big cities, in terms of shopping for fashion, this festive season," Amar Nagaram, CEO, Myntra, said. As for Flipkart rival Amazon India, its vice-president Manish Tiwary said that it saw over 1.1 lakh sellers receiving orders during its sale-with 66 per cent sellers, 91 per cent of new customers, and 66 per cent of new Prime sign-ups coming from small towns.

Redseer also predicts that the Covid-driven massive online adoption of "Bharat" customers will lead to an acceleration of e-commerce shopping this month, combined with factors like the rising usage of Whatsapp-based purchases, and the entry of JioMart.

Paytm to ramp up credit card biz, plans to add 20 lakh users

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DIGITAL financial services major Paytm on Monday announced a ramping up of its presence in the co-branded credit cards segment, stating that it will partner with several credit card issuers and add 20 lakh subscribers to the service within the next 12-18 months.

This venture, it claimed, will transform the credit market by onboarding "new to credit" users joining the digital economy. Paytm had launched its first co-branded credit card, called 'Paytm First' in May last year, in partnership with Citigroup.

Speaking about the cards, Paytm said that "It will be equipped with instant one-touch services such as change of the security pin number, updating the address, blocking the card in case of loss or fraud prevention, issuance of a duplicate card and viewing outstanding credit-limit". The cards will also boast options to switch off the card for contactless payments or international transactions when not required, something that the RBI has mandated from October 1 this year.

"This service will also come with a personalised spend analyzer helping in assessing expenses and planning future spends smartly," the company said in a statement.

"In our country, credit cards are still considered a product for the affluent sections of the society and not everyone can avail of its benefits. These cards are designed to help them lead a healthier financial life through managing and analysing the spends to make well-informed decisions. This can transform the credit market by bringing 'new to credit' users into the formal economy," said Bhavesh Gupta, CEO - Paytm Lending.

India still remains a strong debit-card tilted market, with credit card penetration standing at just three per cent compared to 320 per cent in markets such as the US.

"With its digital application process, alternate (spends based) underwriting, and minimal documentation, Paytm aims to democratise credit card access for the masses and plans to capture at least 10% of this largely untapped market," the company said.

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SHIFTING TRENDS

'27% BPOs may switch to Work From Home models permanently'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

OVER a quarter, 27 per cent, of Business Processing outsourcing (BPO) companies will switch to work-from-home models permanently in the post pandemic environment, indicates a survey conducted by Ozonetel, an on-demand cloud communications firm. The survey, which highlighted the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the call centre industry, reported that 53 per cent of such businesses witnessed a drop in productivity of call center agents during the pandemic.

The decline in the productivity of BPO professionals during the pandemic was primarily due to problems pertaining to internet connectivity, telecom issues, lack of privacy, space, noise cancellation, lack of desktops and laptops while working from home. 71 per cent of call center agents mentioned internet connectivity as the biggest barrier to agent productivity followed by telecom issues by 42 per cent.

However, despite the challenges, a majority of the BPO companies are still working from home due to concerns around employees' health.

According to the survey, 55 per cent of call centres are letting agents opt for work from home solutions, while 16 per cent are not opening offices and keeping work from home mandatory. The survey also found that 27 per cent are expected to permanently switch to WFH models as a viable long-term strategy. However, an equal percentage of BPO companies also want to switch back to offices.

"The pandemic has made them look at the services that they provide and how they provide it. Ozonetel has worked very closely with clients to ensure that we have seamless transition to work from home. At the start of the lockdown in March, we promptly assisted many of our clients to move their agents to a work from home mode to help with Business continuity plan very quickly," said Chaitanya Chokkareddy, Chief Innovation Officer, Ozonetel.

With an annual revenue growth rate of 50 per cent, India accounts for 50 per cent of the business process outsourcing sector globally, and the BPO segment is an integral part of its $190 billion IT/ITeS sector.

Two-way fight for ICC top post

New Zealand's Gregor Barclay and Imran Khwaja of Singapore are the two prominent names who will fight for the ICC chairman's post. October 18 was the last day for filing nominations and a one-month window has been kept by the ICC Board to see if it can have an unanimous candidate.

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Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
DC	9	7	2	14	0.921
MI	9	6	3	12	1.201
RCB	9	6	3	12	-0.096
KKR	9	5	4	10	-0.607
RR	10	4	6	8	-0.591
SRH	9	3	6	6	0.008
KXIP	9	3	6	6	-0.262
CSK	10	3	7	6	-0.463

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Women's T20 team trainer tests positive

CHENNAI: Shalini, a trainer with one of the teams in the women's T20 series to be played in the UAE from November 4-9, has tested positive for Covid-19. She has been ruled out. The contingent leaves on October 21.

FCBU, Mohammedan share spoils

BENGALURU: FC Bengaluru United and Mohammedan Sporting played out a goalless draw in the last I-League qualifer clash in Kolkata on Monday. However, Mohammedan had already qualified for I-League after their win over Bhawanipore FC in the last round.

RANJI LIKELY IN FIVE VENUES

To reduce travel, BCCI looks at places with multiple grounds like TN, Karnataka & AP

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is planning to stage Ranji Trophy in a maximum of five states. Its operations team has begun identifying the venues which will ensure a hassle-free tournament in times of pandemic. As revealed by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, the domestic season will begin with Ranji Trophy in January and could possibly go on till April-end as the board tries to accommodate as many meets as possible.

The BCCI discussed domestic cricket at the Apex Council meeting last Saturday. Though no formal plan was put forward, it is understood that the members have been told that women's and age-group meets will begin as late as possible keeping in mind the Covid-19 situation. There is a strong possibility that these tournaments will begin by March, as the BCCI wants to finish the men's events before next year's IPL.

The BCCI's initial plan was to resume the domestic season in December, but it has postponed it by a month. Though national-level events across disciplines have been affected, the football season has started with I-League qualifiers already done. Goa is gearing up to host the Indian Super League from the third week of November (tentative).

The BCCI believes it can start its season by January, as some of the states are yet to open facilities for players. It is learnt that the BCCI will write to the state units, asking for a letter of intent to host domestic ties after seeking permission from the respective state governments.

However, there are hints that a few venues have already been short-listed for Ranji Trophy and a formal proposal is likely to be sent soon.

With the tournament scheduled to start in January, no venue up north may be considered because of fog and light issues. Chennai, Bengaluru, Vadodara, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam are spoken about as possible options with one more city likely to be added. It is understood that teams in each group will be based in one city and state units can use all the facilities they run, provided there is not much travel.

All the cities mentioned have multiple venues capable of hosting first-class fixtures. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra apart from having Chennai, Bengaluru/Alur, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam, have the option of using Dindigul, Tirunelveli, Salem, Coimbatore, Mysuru, Hubballi, Shivamogga, Ongole, Kadappa, Guntur. All these places can be reached by road from the main city. Whether the BCCI will take the travel risk remains to be seen.

EXPRESS READ

Euro trip: Five judokas leave for Hungary meet

AFTER undertaking two Covid-19 tests (one five days and another 48 hours before boarding the flight) and returning negative, five Indian judokas and coach Jiwan Kumar Sharma were set to fly out for Budapest in the wee hours on Tuesday. The Indian contingent will reach the Hungarian capital via Paris wherein the judokas will compete in the Budapest Grand Slam, scheduled to be held from October 23 to 25. As reported by this newspaper earlier, the Indian judokas, who will be taking part in the aforementioned event, are Vijay Yadav (60kg), Jasleen Singh Saini (66kg), Avtar Singh (100kg), L Sushila Devi (48kg) and Tulika Maan (+100kg). *-Firoz Mirza @ Chennai*

Van Dijk faces long lay-off post injury

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool's English Premier League title defence was rocked on Sunday when the club confirmed key defender Virgil van Dijk has suffered knee ligament damage amid reports the Dutchman could miss the rest of the season. Van Dijk, who will require surgery, hobbled off after a shocking challenge from Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford in a 2-2 draw in an exciting Merseyside derby on Saturday.

State ranking TT tourney from Oct 30

BENGALURU: Karnataka Table Tennis Association (KTTA) will conduct a state ranking tournament from October 30 to November 1 at the TT hall in Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru. The hall comprises of five tables and strict protocols will be followed including regular use of sanitisers and temperature checks. The events will be in the junior and youth categories (for both boys and girls) alongside the men and women singles.

Focus back on Euro football

The group stage of the 2020-21 edition of the Champions League begins on Tuesday. Here's a look at some of the talking points...

PAN-EUROPEAN TRAVEL AMID CORONAVIRUS

With new active virus numbers spiking all across Europe, it remains to be seen if the group stage will finish without any interruptions.

BAYERN MUNICH TO FOLLOW REAL?

With some of the major teams still having problems, the Bavarians seem best-placed to defend the title, they won in August. Even if they lost Thiago, they just ooze class all over the pitch. If they do, they will become just the second team (after Real Madrid) to retain the title since 1990.

THE MESSI, RONALDO SHOWDOWN

One of the main subplots from the group stages itself. The continuing debate surrounding who is the sport's GOAT. But this year could show whether the demise of these two clubs and players is as steep as we have been led to believe over the last 6-8 months.

RULES TO KEEP IN MIND

There are some new Covid-19 rules to keep in mind. If one home government prevents teams from travelling, the onus is on the home team to play the fixture in a neutral venue. If the hosts cannot manage to do that, the home team will forfeit the game 0-3. As long as there are 13 fit, a team will have to play. If there are fewer than 13 fit players, then UEFA could reschedule.

Schedule (12.30 am on Wednesday unless specified): **Group E:** Chelsea vs Sevilla, Rennes vs Krasnodar. **Group F:** Zenit vs Club Brugge (10.25 pm), Lazio vs Dortmund. **Group G:** Dynamo Kyiv vs Juventus (10.25 pm), Barcelona vs Ferencvaros. **Group H:** RB Leipzig vs Istanbul Basaksehir, PSG vs Man United.

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Rahul vs Rabada

After a pulsating double Super Over win against defending champions Mumbai Indians, Kings XI Punjab take on high-flying Delhi Capitals in Dubai on Tuesday. A brief look at the talking points...

ON THE RISE

By beating two team from the top half of the table, Punjab are mathematically still in contention for a last-four berth with six points from nine matches. The return of Chris Gayle has taken some burden off openers Mayank Agarwal and KL Rahul. Against the table toppers, Rahul's men will be keen to go all guns blazing and secure a fourth win of the season.

ONE STEP CLOSER

Undoubtedly, Delhi have been the team to beat this season. They have defended par totals and have chased down big scores. At the top, Shikhar Dhawan's form will further bolster them. A victory on Tuesday will help Shreyas Iyer & Co in their push for a place in the top-two.

31

Wickets taken by Anrich Nortje and Kagiso Rabada.

181.95

Nicholas Pooran's strike rate third best among batsmen who have faced at least 100 balls.

CSK hit new low to go rock bottom

Jos Buttler

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NOTHING seems to be working for Chennai Super Kings. Coming into the clash against Rajasthan Royals on Monday, it was battle of survival for both teams who were languishing at the bottom half of the table with three wins from nine matches. MS Dhoni & Co have lacked intent this season. And it was evident in Abu Dhabi as well, as they lost the match by seven wickets to endure their seventh defeat. A place in the top four looks far away now for Chennai while Steve Smith & Co kept their qualification hopes alive.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Chennai never looked like they were ready for take-off and ended up posting 125/5—the lowest score batting first this IPL. Having started the innings on a dull note, one expected them to shift gears at the end. But, that did not happen with batting line-up failing collectively.

Unless a miraculous performance from bowlers, Chennai knew it would be difficult to defend. Though the three-time champions have pulled off some unbelievable victories from the brink of defeat in the past, that chapter seems closed. Rajasthan, despite hiccups, chased down the target courtesy Jos Buttler's unbeaten 70. Rajasthan's Shreyas Gopal and Rahul Tewatia were the stars in keeping Chennai's batsmen at bay. The spinners gave away just 32 runs and didn't concede a boundary in the eight overs that they bowled from eight to 15.

From a batting point of view, Chennai's struggle with the middle-order continued.

Brief scores: Chennai 125/5 in 20 ovs (Jadeja 35 n.o) **lost to** Rajasthan 126/3 in 17.3 ovs (Buttler 70 n.o).

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ARCHITECTURE

EXFILE

A temple island far away from India

Thousands of temples dot our country's map, from tiny ones on the side of a road to Tamil Nadu's Ranganathaswamy Temple that occupies 155 acres of land. But, on the island of Bali, 9,000 km away from India, there are a number of temples dedicated to various Hindu deities. We take a look at some unique feature of Balinese temples

ISLAND OF PURAS

The Balinese called their temple 'pura'

It originated from the Sanskrit word pur, meaning city

However, with the passage of time, pura became synonymous with a religious temple complex

While 'puri' became to be used in reference to a palace

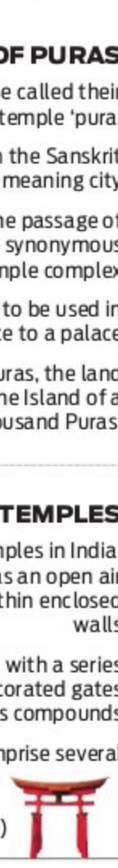
As Bali has many puras, the land was called 'the Island of a Thousand Puras'

OPEN AIR TEMPLES

Compared to temples in India, puras are designed as an open air place of worship within enclosed walls

They are connected with a series of intricately decorated gates between its compounds

The complex comprise several shrines, meru (towers) and bale (pavilions)



MERU | **PURA ULUN DANU BERATAN**

If gopurams define Dravidian temple architecture, Bali's multi-tiered pagodas of thatched roofs are its unique feature

The towers symbolise Mount Meru, the sacred five-peaked mountain among Hindu, Jain and Buddhist adherents

Meru towers have either 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11 tiers and the temple's importance can be determined by its height

- This Shiva temple sits on the shores of Lake Bratan below the mountains near Bedugul
- This temple is also featured on the Indonesian 50,000 rupiah note

11-TIERED
MERU TOWERS

17TH CENTURY
ESTIMATED PERIOD WHEN IT WAS BUILT

EMPTY THRONE

On the surface, Balinese seem to be polytheistic, but they believe in a supreme god called Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa or Acintya

Similar to the concept of Brahman, Acintya has no visual representation and is the Supreme God in Bali's shadow theatre

Temples would have an altar where an empty throne (referred locally as padmasana) is placed and offerings are made

SPLIT GATES | **PURA PENATARAN AGUNG LEMPUYANG**

The gates are an important feature of Balinese architecure that makes it different from others in Indonesia

Split gate or candi bentar resemble a mountain that was split into two exactly even parts

According to Balinese legends, Lord Shiva brought Mount Meru to Bali, where it was then split into two

The two sides represent the concept of duality and the importance of maintaining a balance between dark and light forces

- This temple is located on the slopes of Mount Lempuyang and one of the island's most sacred worship places
- Experts believe the temple predates most Hindu temples on Bali
- The candi bentar split gate (pictured) marks the entrance to the outermost sanctum of the temple

INNER GATES | **PURA TAMAN AYUN**

Also called paduraksa or kori agung, these roofed gates are found outside the inner sanctum of a pura, a cemetery or even a palace

However, the most unique feature of these gates are the incorporation of local Balinese gods in the design

One would be greeted by Bhoma, the jungle god, when one enters the gate. Its fierce face scares the evil spirits

This temple in Mengwi subdistrict features garden with water features

2012
The temple, part of the larger Subak cultural landscape, was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO

1634
Year the temple was constructed

'SUBAK' IRRIGATION

The temple is a prime example of classical Balinese temple architecture and its makes use of the subak system. This irrigation system is connected by a canals and tunnels that brings water from the hills to the temples and fields below

Storage issues may keep 3 bn away from vaccine

Logistics experts warn that vast parts of the world lack refrigeration to administer an effective vaccination programme

HEALTHCARE

GAMPELA: The chain breaks here, in a tiny medical clinic in Burkina Faso that went nearly a year without a working refrigerator.

From factory to syringe, the world's most promising coronavirus vaccine candidates need non-stop sterile refrigeration to stay potent and safe. But despite enormous strides in equipping developing countries to maintain the vaccine "cold chain," nearly 3 billion of the world's 7.8 billion people live where temperature-controlled storage is insufficient for an immunization campaign to bring Covid-19 under control.

The result: Poor people around the world who were among the hardest hit by the pandemic are also likely to be the last to recover from it.

The vaccine cold chain hurdle is just the latest disparity of the pandemic weighted against the poor, who more often live and work in crowded conditions that allow the virus to spread, have little access to medical oxygen that is vital to Covid-19 treatment and whose health systems lack labs, supplies or technicians to carry out large-scale testing.

Maintaining the cold chain for coronavirus vaccines won't be easy even in the richest of countries, especially when it comes to those that require ultracold temperatures of around -70°C. Investment in infrastructure and cooling technology lags behind the high-speed leap that vaccine development has taken this year due to the virus.

With the pandemic now in its eighth month, logistics experts warn that vast parts of the world lack the refrigeration to administer an effective vaccination programme. This includes most of Central Asia, much of India and southeast Asia, Latin America except for the largest countries, and all but a tiny corner of Africa.

To uphold the cold chain in developing nations, international organisations have overseen the installation of tens of thousands of solar-powered vaccine refrigerators. Keeping vaccines at stable temperatures from the time they are made until they are given to patients also requires mobile refrigeration, reliable electricity, sound roads and, above all, advance planning.

For poor countries like Burkina Faso, the best chance of receiving a coronavirus vaccine is through the Covax initiative, led by the WHO and the Gavi vaccine alliance.

Medical freezers that go down to -70°C are rare even in US. Many experts believe the West African countries that suffered through a 2014-16 Ebola outbreak may be the best positioned, because a vaccine against that virus also requires ultracold storage.

For more than two-thirds of the world, however, the advanced technology is nowhere on the horizon, according to a study by German logistics company DHL. Meanwhile, billions of people are in countries that don't have the necessary infrastructure to maintain the cold chain for either existing vaccines or conventional coronavirus candidates, the study said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Cat glyph in Nazca Lines

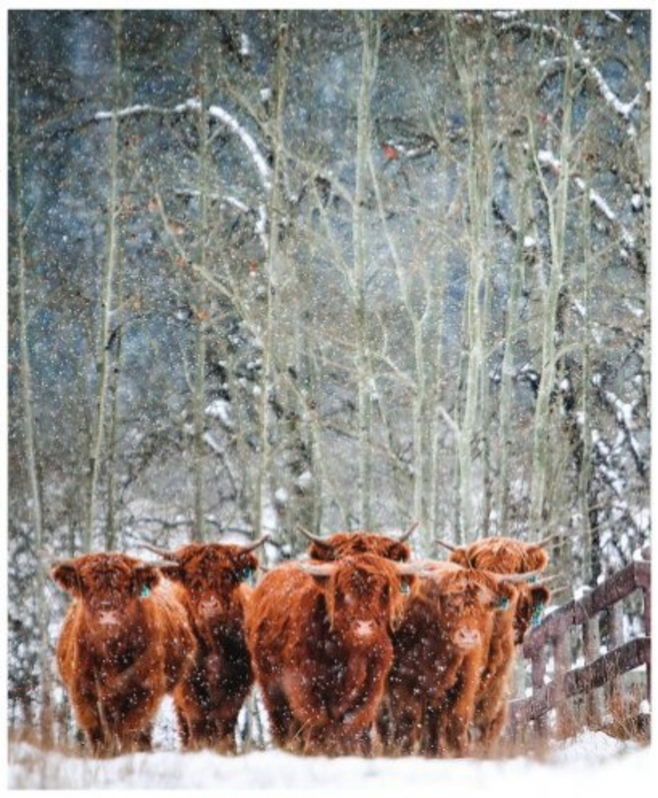
ARCHAEOLOGY

Peruvian archaeologists have announced the discovery of a 37-metre-long glyph of a cat in the Nazca Lines. Last week, officials from Peru's Ministry of Culture undertook cleaning and conservation of the feline, which was almost completely erased. The geoglyph measures 37 metres from head to tail and forms part of the Nasca Lines. The Nazca Lines date back to between 500 BCE and 500 CE and cover an area of about 450 square kilometres .They were given world heritage status in 1994. The se ancient geoglyphs, include a humming bird, a monkey and a pelican, carved into a coastal plain about 400 kilomtres south of the capital Lima and can stretching between 30 metres and 9 kilometres long.

Musk adds 60 more satellites

SPACE

Elon Musk-run SpaceX has launched 60 more Starlink satellites aboard Falcon 9 rocket to be deployed in low-Earth orbit, bringing the constellation to 788 as the company gears up for a public beta of the affordable satellite broadband service. The 13th Starlink launch was completed on Sunday from Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. SpaceX recently presented the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Starlink internet performance tests showing it was capable of download speeds of between 102Mbps to 103Mbps, upload speeds of 40.5Mbps to not quite 42Mbps, and a latency of 18 milliseconds to 19 milliseconds.



HUDDLE UP

Highland cattle graze as snow falls near Cremona, Alberta, on Sunday. Frigid temperatures are forecast to persist with more snow falling in parts of Alberta, Canada, this week | AP

Antibodies disappear quickly in recovering patients, finds study

HEALTH

TORONTO: Antibody levels in the blood of Covid-19 patients drop rapidly during the weeks after their bodies have cleared the novel coronavirus and symptoms have subsided, according to a study.

In the absence of approved, effective treatments for Covid-19, some hospitals have been treating patients with severe symptoms with blood plasma from recovering patients.

If convalescent plasma is ultimately shown to have a clear benefit, the new study published in the journal *mBio* concluded that it needs to be collected during a specific window of time after recovery.

However, recovering patients can't donate blood until at least 14 days after symptoms have subsided, to give the body time to clear viral particles.

"We don't want to transfuse the virus, just transfuse the antibodies," said Andres Finzi at the University of Montreal. "But at the same time, our work shows that the capacity of the plasma to neutralise viral particles is going down during those first weeks," Finzi said.

The spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 plays a crucial role in helping the virus grab and invade host cells.

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Antibodies produced by the body's immune system bind to a part of this protein and block the capacity of this "key" to engage with the host's cellular "lock", preventing the viral particle from infecting a cell host, said Finzi.

Previous studies suggest that antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein peak 2 or 3 weeks after the onset of symptoms. Findings from an earlier cross-sectional study by Finzi's group, involving more than 100 patients, suggested that the ability of plasma to neutralise the virus decreased significantly between three and six weeks after symptom onset.

In the new longitudinal study, Finzi and his colleagues analysed blood samples collected at one-month intervals from 31 individuals recovering from Covid-19.

They measured levels of immunoglobulins that act against the coronavirus S protein and tested the ability of the antibodies to neutralise the virus.

During the same time period, the ability of the antibodies to neutralise the virus similarly fell, according to the study.

80% of EU's habitats in bad shape

ENVIRONMENT

More than 80 per cent of the European Union's natural habitats are in poor or bad condition and more must be done to protect them, the European Environment Agency (EEA) warned in a report on Monday. The report, which covers the period 2013-2018, shows a deterioration from the 2007-2012 period when 77 percent of natural habitats were in "unfavourable" condition. "We clearly need a large-scale restoration in Europe," one of the authors of the report, EEA expert Carlos Romao, told reporters. "This is a must not only for biodiversity but also for the climate change agenda," he said. Common farmland species such as the skylark and habitats such as wet heaths, are declining across the continent. In the six-year study, the EAA registered over 67,000 types of human activities that harmed the environment in the 28 EU member states, including Britain.

YOUNG SCIENTIST

14-year-old desi wins $25,000 for research on potential Covid-19 treatment

MEDICINE

HOUSTON: A 14-year-old Indian-American girl has won a $25,000 young scientist challenge for a discovery that could provide a potential treatment for Covid-19.

Anika Chebrolu, an eighth grader from Frisco in Texas, won the 3M Young Scientist Challenge, regarded as the US' premier middle school science competition, for her work using in-silico methodology for drug discovery to find a molecule that can selectively bind to the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 virus in an attempt to find a cure for the coronavirus pandemic, according to the 3M Challenge website. 3M is an American manufacturing company based in Minnesota.

Chebrolu decided to take part in the Young Scientist Challenge after she battled a severe influenza infection last year. She wanted to find a cure for influenza. However, that all changed after the Covid-19 pandemic hit, the website said.

"I was drawn towards finding effective cures for influenza disease after a severe bout of the infection last year," Chebrolu said. "I would like to learn more from 3M scientists to pursue my drug development and with their help, would like to conduct in-vitro and in-vivo testing of my lead drug candidate," she said.

Chebrolu was one of the 10 finalists in this year's 3M Young Scientist Challenge. In addition to the prize money, she was also awarded an exclusive 3M Mentorship.

As a finalist, she worked with 3M Corporate Scientist Dr Mahfuza Ali, who mentored Chebrolu one-on-one throughout the summer. Together, they transformed her idea from concept to reality. Dr Ali helped Chebrolu perfect her innovation through the scientific method, and she presented her project to a judging panel of scientists and leaders.

> My effort to find a lead compound to bind to the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus this summer may appear to be a drop in the ocean, but still adds to all these efforts
>
> Anika Chebrolu, 3M Young Scientist Challenge winner

Each finalist was evaluated on a series of challenges and the presentation of their completed innovation.

Talking to *CNN*, she said, "The last two days, I saw that there is a lot of media hype about my project since it involves the SARS-CoV-2 virus and it reflects our collective hopes to end this pandemic as I, like everyone else, wish that we go back to our normal lives soon."

Chebrolu said she was inspired to find potential cures to viruses after learning about the 1918 flu pandemic and finding out how many people die every year in the US despite annual vaccinations and anti-influenza drugs on the market.

Chebrolu said that winning the prize and title of top young scientist is an honour, but her work isn't done.

Her next goal, she says, is to work alongside scientists and researchers who are fighting to "control the morbidity and mortality" of the pandemic by developing her findings into an actual cure for the virus.

"My effort to find a lead compound to bind to the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus this summer may appear to be a drop in the ocean, but still adds to all these efforts," she told *CNN*.

Denise Rutherford, senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at 3M said that amidst the challenges of a global pandemic, quality STEM education for all has become an even more urgent need.

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DAY'S DIARY

Gaddafi killed

Muammar Gaddafi, the deposed leader of Libya, was captured and killed on this day in 2011 during the Battle of Sirte

THE LEADER

Known as Colonel Gaddafi, he was a Libyan revolutionary, politician and political theorist. He was initially ideologically committed to Arab nationalism and Arab socialism, but later ruled according to his own Third International Theory

HIS RULES

He removed the US and British military bases from Libya in 1970. He expelled most members of the native Italian and Jewish communities. He outlawed alcoholic beverages and gambling

APPEARANCES

He made countless show-stopping appearances at Arab and international gatherings, standing out not just with his outlandish clothing, but also his blunt speeches and unconventional behaviour

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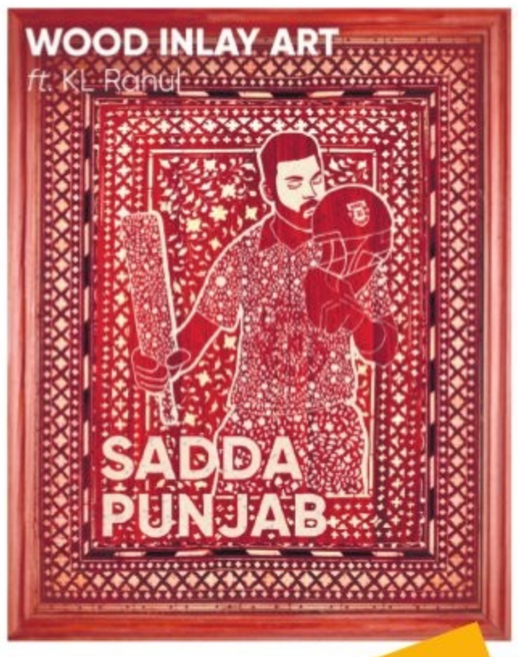

CLASSIC STROKES

MS Dhoni - Bommalattam puppetry
Tamil Nadu (Chennai Super Kings)

Rohit Sharma - Warli art
Maharashtra (Mumbai Indians)

Virat Kohli - Togalu Gombeyata leather puppetry - Karnataka (Royal Challengers Bangalore)

Shreyas Iyer - Mughal painting - Delhi Sultanate empire (Delhi Capitals)

KL Rahul - Wood inlay art
Punjab (Kings XI Punjab)

Rashid Khan - Cheriyal painting
Telengana (Sunrisers Hyderabad)

Andre Russell - Kalighat painting
Kolkata (Kolkata Knight Riders)

Sanju Samson - Phad painting
Rajasthan (Rajasthan Royals)

BATTING FOR ART

Cricket posters get a creative spin as a city-based studio portrays star IPL players in Indian folk art forms

It's quite challenging to get the posture and facial similarities of the player, and sketch it right within an art form

—**Raaj Rufaro,** lead artist

• **Simran Ahuja**

MS Dhoni and Bommalattam, Rohit Sharma and Warli, Virat Kohli and Togalu Gombeyata -- what do these combinations have in common? Each of these traditional arts belongs to the state that the cricketers are gunning (or should we say batting and bowling?) for in the ongoing IPL tournament. While the world of cricket and traditional arts may seem poles apart, a new poster series by LastBench Studio brings the two together in a seamless fashion.

Called Folk Cricket, the eight works take one player from each IPL team and recreate their portrait using a folk art that is intrinsic to that region. Shreyas Iyer looks right at home in a Mughal painting, and Kohli's eyes, helmet and outfit get a fun puppet makeover while Sanju Samson assumes a divine avatar in a phad painting reimagination of him.

While wanting to ride out the IPL wave is one reason behind this fun fusion, the creative studio also wanted to bring about awareness about India's rich history of art, thereby helping the artisans who have been affected by the pandemic. This then led artist Raaj Rufaro, who also works at LastBench Studio, to amalgamate cricket and art, which also helped him fulfil his desire of working with regional art forms. "We knew we wanted to make these larger-than-life posters of cricketing heroes," explains the studio's founder, Sriram Sabhapathy.

Once an art form was adequately researched and finalised, it took Rufaro, who is a graduate of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, 8-10 hours to make each sketch from start to finish. Not each attempt, however, was a perfect sixer. "I initially tried to combine Dhoni's portrait with Tanjore paintings but that didn't work. The same happened with KL Rahul and phulkari, so I eventually had to change it to wood inlay. It's quite challenging to get the posture, facial similarities of the player and sketch right within an art form," adds Rufaro.

Agrees Sabhapathy, who explains that doing a wood inlay work for a human figure is an uncommon combination. Research, thus, became crucial, with the team working with internet resources, and craft and cultural organisations for extra help. "All this research only made us appreciate the work that goes into our country's art forms," he says.

LastBench Studio team: (From left) Sriram Sabhapathy, Raaj Rufaro, Shashank Iyer (on laptop screen), Nikhil Suresh and Niranjan Kottukkal

Striking the right poses

Sandalwood stars gear up for Indian Bowling League to raise money for daily wage workers of the film industry

• **Express Features**

It's going to be a starry affair with a twist when Sandalwood actors get together to participate in the Indian Bowling League. The league, scheduled to take place in November-end, is being organised by the production house, Kamar Film Factory, to raise funds for daily wage workers in the Kannada film industry who are facing financial difficulties due to the pandemic. Among the actors who are going to showcase their bowling skills will be Priyanka Upendra, Dharma Keerthiraj, Daali Dhananjay, Neetu, Diganth Manchale, and Srinagara Kitty.

The league will have around 10 teams, with each team having eight members – four male and four female players. "We chose bowling because it is a fun and high-energy kind of game, which will give you adrenaline rush for sure," says Kamar, the producer and managing director of Kamar Film Factory. "And moreover, the league is for a cause. So it can't get better than this because it's important to help people who are an important part of our system," he adds, mentioning that they are aiming to get more than 80 popular celebrities from Sandalwood and Kannada television industry. Also, after the success of last year's Box Cricket League, Kamar hopes that Indian Bowling League will get the same kind of positive response.

"My association with Kamar started with Box Cricket League and I had a lot of fun playing cricket with youngsters. When they approached me for bowling, I was sure it's going to be fun," actor Priyanka Upendra said at the event held on Saturday to announce the tournament. "Usually, we have a bowling night with family. But this is going to be challenging. Through this league I am going to meet some old friends and make some new ones," she added.

The event, which is going to be an indoor tournament held at a mall, will have 24 matches. There will umpires officiating the games for smooth conducting of the competitions. Prizes will be given in three categories. According to Kamar, they will be launching the logo of the tournament soon. "One thing is for sure. Whether it's the celebrities or the fans watching the games, it's going to be filled with fun and entertainment," says Kamar.

Kamar, managing director of Kamar Film Factory

During the Box Cricket League last year, I had a lot of fun playing cricket with youngsters. When they approached me for bowling, I was sure it's going to be fun

—**Priyanka Upendra,** actor

Show goes on

Films, literature, music, photography... the upcoming four-day India Film Project will delve into all this and more

• **Vidya Iyengar**

As the pandemic made it clear that physical events would be a no-no for some time to come at least, Ritam Bhatnagar knew that virtual would have to be the way ahead. But at the same time, with the internet overloaded with content, Bhatnagar, the founder of the content festival, India Film Project (IFP), knew that he would have to create an on-ground experience in the virtual world. The tenth edition of IFP, which is scheduled to take place between Oct. 22 and 25, has required much out-of-the-box thinking. "At a time when a lot of festivals were called off or postponed, our young team comprising mostly those in their 20s, has not only built a platform with an ability to engage lakhs together, but also replicated experience closest to the festival that happens annually at Mehboob Studios," says Mumbai-based Bhatnagar.

Having reimagined the whole concept to keep things real, this is an attempt to ensure meaningful interactions. Three 'parallel stages' will cover hundreds of sessions and workshops with segments called create, collaborate, and celebrate. From learning to create special sounds for podcasts to using a GoPro for cinematic shots, advertisements and short films, the festival is an attempt to look beyond just films.

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—**Ritam Bhatnagar,** founder, India Film Project

"Only 25 per cent of the content is on films, the rest is literature, music, digital and photography. At the end of the day, it's about being a content-driven festival," says Bhatnagar, adding, "Creators from more than 30 countries participate and attend the festival each year. This year too, we wanted to provide the same experience to connect, chat and interact with like-minded creators."

In September, as a precursor to this festival, they organised several competitions, like '50 Hour Filmmaking Challenge', '50 Hour Music Challenge', and scriptwriting, storytelling and design challenges, which saw over 55,000 creators who made more than 1,800 short films and 1,200 original tracks over a weekend. "For the filmmaking challenge, we received 38,000 entries from 30 countries, out of which 1,400 were from Bengaluru, the second highest after Mumbai. Our guess is that many have spent the lockdown to make films, which is one of the reasons," he says.

Skewed gender ratio and roles in films is often a point of discussion. Making a beginning with the festival is their attempt to bring about the change. "If we think that films should change the way women are portrayed, we felt that the representation should begin with our festival. Which is why each of panel discussions has an equal representation from each gender to ensure different view points are aired," he says.

The virtual festival will see 170-plus names from films, digital, literature and music climbing the IFP's stage from their couch. Some of them are Mira Nair, Bhumi Pednekar, Maitreyi Ramakrishnan, Pankaj Tripathi, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Vikrant Massey, Ratna Pathak Shah, Gregg Barbanell, Dolly Singh, Resul Pookutty and Jim Sarbh. Over 80 sessions are planned across four days, which include curated conversations, and workshops.

The event will take place from Oct. 22 to 25. Details on IFP website.

Carnatic calling

• **Express Features**

With an aim to support the next generation of talent in the Indian classical performing arts space, HCL announced its new contest called The Carnatic Quest. The contest aims at identifying young Carnatic musicians across five categories – Carnatic vocal, veena, violin, flute and percussion instruments (mridangam, ghatam and kanjeera). Winners of the talent hunt will get to perform for music enthusiasts who follow the HCL Concerts platform and users of HCL Music, a mobile app offering classical music for free.

The programme is a brain child of HCL Concerts and Chennai-based Rhapsody Music Foundation, which is founded and run by classical pianist Anil Srinivasan. "The contest will allow us to identify the next-generation of Carnatic music stars and showcase their talent to our broad audience-base," Sundar Mahalingam, chief strategy officer, HCL Corporation, said in a statement.

Artistes can send their entries in the five categories from across the county at the official site of the concert, till Oct. 31. After the entries are evaluated, the shortlisted musicians will be contacted for a second round. Three rounds will be held in total, and results of each round will also be published on the Facebook page of the organisers.

CITY READ

Mask verification selfie for Uber riders

Now, Uber riders, who have been tagged for not wearing masks on an earlier trip, will be required to post a selfie showing them wearing a mask, in order to book their next trip. The new safety policy was introduced on Monday.

FASTING TREATS

Enjoy a plethora of festival flavours with Navratri thali by Shangri-la Hotels. The fast friendly thali includes delicacies like sabudana vada, flaxseed sago bhel, saunfiyani paneer tikka, khatta meetha kaddu, aloo anardana, sabudana khichadi, and more. **Where:** Shangri-la Hotels **When:** Till Oct 24

HAWAII LOVE

Warm your loved one's heart (or yours!) with Plum's Hawaiian Rumba Let's Get Beachin' Duo! What's inside? A shower gel, body mist and an oh-so-natural loofah – the perfect way for a pampering day. **Available at:** plumgoodness.com

TRIBUTE SHOW

The Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising a digital exhibition of RK Laxman's works for his 100th birth anniversary. **When:** Till October 27, **Where:** Facebook and Twitter pages of the institute

GO BOHEMIAN

We Are Kindred, an Australian RTW label, is a celebration of harmony and symbiosis. It's feminine, yet modern and innovative designs are realised through rich fabrics, embellishments and bespoke prints. A label by women and for women, We Are Kindred has an elaborate offering of effortless modern luxury with a touch of Bohemia. **Available on:** https://wearekindred.com.au/

ENJOY THE LIVE STREAMING OF DURGA PUJA, ORGANISED BY UTSAV, A SOCIO-CULTURAL GROUP. WHEN: OCT 22-24, FOR DETAILS CALL 9886021715

Skin essentials

Estée Lauder's Advanced Night Repair Synchronized Multi-Recovery Complex promises to support your skin's natural repair and help the skin increase its natural renewal of fresh new cells and production of collagen for firmer skin. **Available at** Nykaa, Myntra, Shoppers Stop, and Sephora

Finance lesssons

A nine-day virtual workshop about financial lessons for women by Mani Pavitra, life coach and founder of Fortune Academy, will be held till October 24. The focus of the workshop is on 5Fs – finance, fun, fitness, family and faith. Fee: `1,499. **For details, visit:** fortuneacademy.me/navratrispl/

Jewellery to stand out

And Noor, a multi designer e-store launched by Aashika and Meghna Bhutra in August 2019, aspires to abide by the 3 s – shine, smile and sparkle. On this platform, women from different parts of the country bring together the varied art and diversified creations of jewellery beautifully made by skilled artisans. The e-store offers all kinds of fashion jewellery made by passionate designers who believe in handcrafted and conceptual pieces of work. **Available on:** www.andnoor.com/

New on the menu

Pizza Hut India has launched ten new variants of its pan pizzas. On the menu are Malai Chicken Tikka, Veg Kebab Surprise, Chicken Pepper Crunch and Double Paneer Supreme. These are also available on Buy One Get One free on medium pizzas, Hut Treat Meals, My Box and Wow Everyday Value offers. **Available at:** Pizza Hut

Dandiya Night

Gopalan Signature Mall is hosting a Dandiya night with live counters of street food. The open air event will also have special prizes for the best dressed couple and the best dance couple. For more details call 9844167547 **Venue:** Gopalan Signature Mall, Swamy Vivekananda Rd **Date:** Oct 24, 6.30pm onwards

Get it write!

The new Sheaffer Sagaris is lightweight, slim and fits comfortably in your hand. The collection is available in chrome with line engraved and titanium gray with line engraved and in ballpoint, roller ball and fountain. **Available at:** William Penn stores and www.williampenn.net

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

GARLIC RICE

INGREDIENTS:

- **Cooked rice** (can be leftover too)
- **Garlic**: 10 cloves, crushed
- **Green chillies**
- **Mustard**
- **Cumin seeds**
- **Urad** and **chana dal:** 1 spoon each, **Curry leaves**
- **Oil**

METHOD:

- Heat oil in a pan. Splutter the mustard and cumin seeds. Then add the dals and curry leaves. Add pods of slit garlic, vertically slit green chillies and saute.
- Add salt to this mixture and mix it with cooked rice.
- Season with pepper powder and crushed garlic.

– Chandrika Sekhar, Hyderabad

SOUND BOARD

DISSECT
Dissect podcast examines a single album per season, forensically dissecting the music, lyrics, and meaning of one song per episode.
- On Apple Podcasts

STRIVING PODCAST
Hosted by Stefan Kunz and Kauren Horn, the podcast is for creative people working towards big goals. It has candid conversations that dive deep into making art, making a living and making it all work as a modern-day artist.
- On Spotify

GOOD KIDS
Good Kids features a compelling mix of perspectives on child-rearing – from parents and experts, authors and actors, to 'good' kids themselves – imparting wisdom for a brief, but potent, 10 minutes each week.
- On Apple Podcasts

FAT.SO?
Ameya and Pallavi discuss being fat–the pain, the joy, the learning, the dark humor and the silver lining. They discuss body image, societal norms, working hard at self love, failing at weight loss, loneliness, food, love and sex.
- On Apple Podcasts

MAED IN INDIA
Maed in India is India's first indie music podcast that showcases the best Indian independent musicians from India and abroad. Each episode presents an interview with an artist/band along with an exclusive stripped down session or acoustic renditions of their original music.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MAYURA
The movie stars Dr Rajkumar, who plays the role of Prince Mayurasharma of the Kadamba dynasty. The film opens with Mayura, a Brahmin youth challenging an arrogant wrestler and defeating him.
- Cast: Rajkumar, Manjula

GOOGLY
Yash leads a carefree life until he meets Swathi at a college event. Their friendship turns into a mutual attraction, but a small misunderstanding causes them to part ways.
- Cast: Yash, Kriti Kharbanda

PUTTARAJU LOVER OF SHASHIKALA
Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.
- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

VEERA
Muthu returns to his village and learns that the girl he wanted to marry is dead. In the city, he ends up marrying his boss's daughter. But, the previous girl returns and he's forced to marry her too.
- Cast: Rajnikanth, Meera, Roja, Janagaraj

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 CAN YOU SOLVE THE BURIED TREASURE RIDDLE? BY DANIEL GRILLER
After a massive storm tears through the Hex Archipelago, you find five grizzled survivors in the water. As an act of gratitude for saving them, they reveal a secret – the island, they were just on, holds some buried treasure. Can you find the booty despite their strange instructions? Daniel Griller shows how.

2 AN EXERCISE IN TIME PERCEPTION BY MATT DANZICO
Why is that some experiences feel like they last forever, while others fly by? We tend to miscalculate the time it takes to engage in novel activities due to the influence of memories. Matt Danzico explains why your childhood feels like it lasted forever.

3 AN ARCHITECT'S GUIDE TO LIVING ON MARS BY BJARKE INGELS
What would it take to live on Mars? In an imaginative talk, architect Bjarke Ingels shares his prototype Martian "city" in Dubai, where they're building technologies that humanity would need to thrive on the Red Planet.

4 HUMBLE PLANTS THAT HIDE SURPRISING SECRETS BY AMEENAH GURIB-FAKIM
In this intriguing talk, biologist Ameenah Gurib-Fakim introduces us to rare plant species from isolated islands and regions of Africa. Meet the shape-shifting benjoin; the baume de l'ile plate, which might offer a new treatment for asthma.

5 WHY STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE MENTAL HEALTH DAYS BY HAILEY HARDCASTLE
School can be rife with stress, anxiety, panic attacks and even burnout – but there's often no formal policy for students who need to prioritize their well-being. Hailey Hardcastle explains why schools should offer mental health days and allow students time to practice emotional hygiene.

FIT BIT

NIRALAMBA SIRSHASANA
(UNSUPPORTED HEADSTAND)

In Sanskrit, 'nira' means 'without', 'lamba' means 'support', 'sirsa' means 'head', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is an advanced headstand that requires a strong sense of balance and focus. It is a variation of Sirsasana, or headstand, where the hands do not support any of the body weight. The arm position can vary, but usually, the arms reach forward with the fingertips touching the ground. It opens the Ajna (third eye) chakra which promotes intuition and inner knowledge. It is also associated with an enhanced imagination, clairvoyance and visualisation. This asana also activates the Sahasrara (crown) chakra which is associated with pure consciousness.

STEPS

- Come into Marjariasana. Place the crown of your head on a blanket between the hands.
- Straighten your arms in front of your chest and place your hands flat on the floor about shoulder width apart.
- Now straighten your legs, allowing the weight of your body to be supported by the hands, feet and head.
- Slowly walk your feet towards the head, keeping your legs straight, until your trunk is vertical.
- Applying pressure on your hands, slowly bend your legs and raise your feet off the floor, bringing your knees to the chest.
- Now, slowly raise your knees until they point upward. Maintain balance in this position for a few moments.
- Then gradually straighten your knees until the feet point upwards in a relaxed position.
- In this final pose the whole body is vertical and, ideally, all the weight of the body is supported by the head. Your hands should only provide balance.
- Hold the final pose, stay focused on

BENEFITS

- Increases both physical and mental stability.
- Massages abdominal organs, improves digestion and appetite.
- Helps reduce fat in the body.
- Calms the brain and also relieves mild depression and stress.
- Kidneys and liver are activated.
- The thighs, knees, shoulder and arms become strong.
- Destroys all diseases. Helpful for menstrual pain, constipation, fatigue, back pain, depression.
- Strengthens feet, knees, shoulder, back and abdominal muscles.
- Makes the legs, shoulder, back, and hips much more flexible.
- Improves body posture.
- Stimulates vitality and health.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who have low blood pressure or weak blood vessels in the eyes, avoid this.
- If you are suffering from headache, neck or back injury, avoid this.
- If you are not comfortable to do this during your period, avoid this pose.
- Pregnant women must avoid this.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RUSTUM (Kannada)
The story revolves around a super cop who is sincere, brave and deadly. He is on a mission to end nexus of the organ trading mafia across the country and to take revenge for the brutal murder of his close friend.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Vivek Oberoi, Shraddha Srinath
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

CHAMELI (Hindi)
Aman, a banker, and Chameli, a prostitute, meet during a downpour in Mumbai as they take shelter from the rain. Though they have nothing in common, they still form a bond and start talking about life.
- Cast: Kareena Kapoor, Rahul Bose, Rinke Khanna, Yashpal Sharma
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

JAANE TU YA JAANE NA (Hindi)
Best friends Jai and Aditi make for a perfect couple but refuse to consider a romantic relationship. However, when they start dating other people, they realise that they are actually in love.
- Cast: Genelia D'Souza, Imran Khan, Prateik Babbar, Manjari Fadnis
- Watch on: Netflix

NILA (Tamil)
Childhood sweethearts meet years later and must decide whether or not to pursue their unrequited love and unexplored desires.
- Cast: Sruthi Hariharan, Vicky R, Sarvesh Sridhar
- Watch on: Netflix

KGF: CHAPTER 1 (Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam)
Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.
- Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Anant Nag, Ramachandra Raju
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SPYDER (Telugu)
Shiva, an intelligence officer, develops a phone software that helps him track those in need of help. He sets out to save the people of Hyderabad when he realises that a serial killer is on the loose.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Rakul Preet Singh, Bharat, SJ Suryah
- Watch on: Netflix

AADU (Malayalam)
Shaji Pappan's team wins a tug of war match and receives a cash prize, a trophy and a female goat as a reward. However, things change when the team members decide to butcher the goat.
- Cast: Jayasurya, Vijay Babu, Sunny Wayne, Saiju Kurup
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FOREIGN

A FANTASTIC WOMAN (Spanish)
Marina, a transgender nightclub singer, comes under suspicion when her much older lover Orlando dies suddenly. After being harassed and threatened by her late boyfriend's vengeful relatives and the police, she must defend her rights as both Orlando's partner and as a human being.
- Cast: Daniela Vega, Francisco Reyes, Luis Gnecco, Aline Kuppenheim
- Watch on: Mubi

THE LIE (English)
A father and daughter are on their way to dance camp when they spot the girl's best friend on the side of the road. When they stop to offer the friend a ride, their good intentions soon result in terrible consequences.
- Cast: Joey King, Peter Sarsgaard, Mireille Enos, Devery Jacobs
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

WHIPLASH (English)
Andrew enrols in a music conservatory to become a drummer. But he is mentored by Terence Fletcher, whose unconventional training methods push him beyond the boundaries of reason and sensibility.
- Cast: JK Simmons, Miles Teller, Melissa Benoist, Austin Stowell
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

THE BOYS IN THE BAND (English)
A visitor turns an evening upside down when he interrupts a gathering of gay men in New York City in 1968.
- Cast: Jim Parsons, Matt Bomer, Charlie Carver, Zachary Quinto
- Watch on: Netflix

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year
Amazon Prime: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Mubi: ₹ 499 per month

DOWN NOSTALGIA LANE

Looking back at her dance journey and tutelage under Kamala, Bharadvaj recalls how someone once told her father, "Dance is for those from wealthy families. People like you should not bother with it." She says, "My sister and I were not from a rich-family, and this prevalent attitude would have ended our dance career, had it not been for Kamala." She taught the sisters without taking any fees, gave them her own costumes to wear, took them on performance tours, and even paid them for performances. "Even my Kuchipudi training was a gift from Kamala. She took us to Vempatti Chinna Sathyam and requested him to teach us. We never paid any fees for that either. I think she took take care of that too."

(From extreme left): Arangetram of Ramaa Bharadvaj and Uma Suresh with Vazhuvoor Ramaiah Pillai; the sisters with Kamala; a screenshot showing Kamala from the film

MOVING MEMORIES

Dancer Ramaa Bharadvaj's video project is an ode to her mentor and legendary Bharatnatyam dancer, Kamala

"Kamala was the first artiste of choice because after all, during Bharatnatyam dancer's revival era, she had been a prime catalyst in making that dance-form a household name through her performances both on stage and in cinema
—Ramaa Bharadvaj, Bharatnatyam dancer

Simran Ahuja

A while ago, dancer Ramaa Bharadvaj received a phone call from Anita Ratnam, the founder of Narthaki web-portal for classical dance. Ratnam had an idea for a video series called *Taalam Talkies*, which would look at classical dance in cinema by profiling renowned dancers who had a strong presence on the silver screen. When given the offer to make an episode for the same, Bharadvaj, a big movie buff herself, didn't think twice before saying yes. Thinking about who to make the episode on didn't require much deliberation either. "Kamala was the first artiste of choice because after all, during Bharatnatyam's revival era, she had been a prime catalyst in making that dance-form a household name through her performances both on stage and in cinema," says Bharadvaj, whose work has resulted in a recently released three-episode project called *Fragrant Petals – Kamala's Natyam*.

Besides showcasing the various facets of Bharatnatyam dancer Kamala as a performer, teacher and woman, the project also highlights the cultural history of cinema and performing arts. "Kamala started dancing in films just seven years after talking pictures were introduced in India. The early filmmakers used cinema not just for entertainment but as a crucial political and cultural tool as well, and for that, they used the aid of classical music and dances," says Bharadvaj, who read a lot to collect data about Kamala as well as the early days of cinema.

Interestingly, Bharadvaj and her twin sister trained under the actor-dancer, and travelled all over India as principal dancers in Kamala's troupe. They also helped as teaching assistants in her school. "So I began journaling my own recollections to add to the story. And then, to add some fun, I also had a separate note-pad of trivia that I gathered about each film," says Bharadvaj, who is also a folk-storyteller, writer and art curator.

Research, scripting and editing took her six weeks to put together, which she calls an offering to her mentor. "I had promised myself that I would do it all on my own with no technical help from anyone. It was challenging because I had decided on three episodes for three decades of Kamala's film career, but I had mountainous material that I wanted to include. In fact, I still have enough material left to create two more episodes," says Bharadvaj.

The process was both emotional and exhilarating for her, bringing back many memories. "Today's dancers are caught up in their own work with almost a narcissistic restlessness. With Covid-19 pushing everything to online forum, the rush for attention has got more maddening," she says. "These masters are our arts-ancestors. If we forget them, we forget a part of our history. Through the Taalam Talkies series, we hope to call attention to these maestros, and do it in an enjoyable way."

Fragrant Petals: Kamala's Natyam can be viewed on the YouTube channels of Ramaa Bharadvaj and Narthaki Online

Illustration: Express

TURNING ONE, AND SINGING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TWICE

Everywhere I look around, there is only talk of the novel coronavirus. Finally, I understood the meaning of something going viral – the virus not sparing any country!

It's been 10 months perhaps since this unwelcome guest arrived in India. Can anyone say with certainty when this living/non-living thing will vanish? The name of the virus (China virus), because some felt it was racist, itself, and of the disease too, has undergone several mutations.

Recently, a friend asked me if I had any idea when we can be free of this deadly disease. Probably she thought that since I worked in a newsroom, I would be privy to the virus' comings and goings. Why, even scientists, public health specialists and astrologers are unable to predict its end game with any certainty.

I am wondering, with increasing exasperation, how long this will continue. I know for sure that the world will not be the same. All we have done is add one more deadly infection to the list of diseases. And the threat of a new strain will put more strain on us. Do we have to constantly live in fear?

I feel reassured when I read reports about the virus flattening the curve or the mortality rate coming down. But does the virus know that it is supposed to flatten the curve or that it should start retreating? When I see the absolute numbers, I get scared even to sneeze. What if there is under-reporting (not of sneezing)... that many have not reported for fear of the stigma or the virus itself.

At the beginning of the pandemic, some argued that it would disappear on its own during summer. The hot season has gone, but not the virus. Others claimed that herd immunity would kick in once enough people had been infected.

I feel people believe in herd immunity.. I see some people going about happily without masks or with masks down the chin. As someone said, the spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors – How 'dense' the population is and how 'dense' the population is! When will people realise that it is not the virus but the government which has relaxed the norms? With the festival season round the corner, I dread to think what some people's 'take it easy' attitude will lead to.

Why, oh, why aren't we following the norms — like keeping others at arm's length or maybe even more? I can see that the Covid fatigue has set in and some want to break the shackles. But please think of the others.

All eyes are now on vaccines which are being developed at an unprecedented speed. Why develop a vaccine when we are told that washing hands with soap can ward off the virus?

Hoping that it will simply fade away will not help. It will be soon one year since this enemy virus has invaded our lives. So will we be celebrating its birthday while singing 'happy birthday' twice and washing our hands?

If only the virus had followed the social distancing norms... not coming close to us... none of us would be in this frightening situation today!

Fitness pro

Shubra Aiyappa has some important advice for all those hitting the weights hard these days. The actor uploaded a video saying, "I've been lifting a lot of heavy weights , and the body tends to get sore and tight . Doing this before and after my weight training really helps in opening up the knots."

Adventure junkie

Count on Samyuktha Hegde to jump off a cliff in style. The actor's new video on Insta shows her attempt at cliff jumping in Rishikesh. Far from being afraid, Hegde seems to be soaking in every second of the high adrenaline activity, even cheekily choosing Ritviz's *Udd Gaye* as the background track for the video.

Pic: Adharsh Sivan

Setting a new stage

City-based actor Suvin Valson talks to CE about *Change of Plans*, her short film that recently started airing on OTT platform

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As days passed during the lockdown, many filmmakers found themselves struggling to find work. With OTT platforms being the go-to spot for entertainment during the time when outdoor activity was restricted, the audience wondered about how streaming platforms would continue to sustain. But it's been good news for independent filmmakers who are finding their works being accepted by OTT platforms. Take, for instance, *Change of Plans*, which started airing on Disney + Hotstar on Friday. "It came as quite a surprise, but I guess platforms are reaching out to independent creators for quality work," says Bengaluru-based **Suvin Valson**, the lead actor in the film. The movie, produced by Do Creative Labs, also stars Kaushik Narayan.

A 11-minute production, the film directed by Murtaza Ezzi, was in fact a college project for the latter. "I came across a post from Murtaza on Facebook, and he was upfront that he was a student with no movie experience, but was keen on making this film. With three years of experience, I was initially hesitant but later decided to give it a shot since it required one day of shooting. The shots were pre-planned and well-organised," says Valson. The film was shot last year, and the post-production work took place during the lockdown, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

The relationship drama revolves around a couple that decides to move to a foreign country together. But things go wrong on the day of their departure. The modern-day love story, which targets an urban audience, ends with an unexpected twist. Mostly shot using long takes, the film has tried to bring out different emotions in an authentic manner. "Murtaza was particular that emotional scenes would have to be played out in real, rather than using glycerine. So I wrote out a back story like we do in theatre to create the character's life graph and current emotions. The recording was done on the spot because sound is very important in the film. This is to take the audience through the highs and lows of the characters," says Valson, who has also been involved with distribution for this film. Though background noise, like traffic and construction sounds, posed difficulties, the team managed it with advance preparation.

Currently having written a feature crime thriller, she is awaiting other opportunities to come by. "At this point, not much production can happen. We will probably have to wait for 2021 for that," she says.

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Durga puja in city

Bengalureans looking for pandals to visit during Durga Puja can check out the Socio-Cultural Association's club in Indiranagar, and Electronics City Kali Bari, where puja will be taking place from Oct. 23 to 26, and public will be allowed darshan. On the other hand, at BDPC, Manpho Convention Centre, the festivities will held only on the occasion of Ashtami on Oct. 24.

Is there a koel around you?

Early in the monsoon time, koels start singing their sweet song, calling for its mate. All around India, the song of the koel is celebrated in poetry and songs as the harbinger of the monsoon, its plaintive cry an early reminder that the thunder and lightning of the dark, the looming monsoon is around the corner. In fact, most of the year, you would hardly hear the bird at all, and just before the heavy rains start, you couldn't get them to shut up even for a gazillion rupees.

When the cuckoo sings, sweet as it sounds, it is also time for the humble crow to be careful. Once the koel has impressed a suitable mate with its singing, they get down to business and soon they are going to look for a crow's or mynah's nest to lay their eggs, and they usually do it while removing one of the crow's own eggs. Sometimes, the nest has a mix of crow and koel eggs, and sometimes they might end up being all koel eggs! What's more, the cuckoo's egg hatches earlier than the crow's, which then ends up feeding the koel chick. Of course, if the crow recognises the manipulation, it pushes out the koel egg off its nest, or drives the chick off, but enough koel chicks survive to keep the cycle going.

Imagine for a moment that you are the crow, and the nest is the one you dream of with the person you love. You are feathering it well, making it comfortable for yourself, brood over your feelings, and are lost in your own love, as lovers do. Are you and your love truly safe? Are there villainous koels around, looking to slyly shift things with their own agenda? Their songs might seem sweet, and the monsoon they promise might be bountiful, but be sure to check in: Is there a koel trying to get into your little crow's nest?

In love and in relationships, protecting your own home and your own love is not always easy. Our mythologies talk of so many stories of lovers slyly parted by jealous people, those inserting themselves into relationships, driving wedges between the sweet, lovelorn characters of the story. Sometimes, it is even parents or other family members who don't quite approve of the love you feel for religion, caste, community or any other reason.

It is the stuff of melodramatic movies and TV soaps, to be sure, but does love sometimes need to protect itself?

We do need to check once in a while if our boundaries are ok, if we are guarding our own interests, whether it is against a prejudiced society, families that are stuck in outdated norms, or even jealous friends. Much as we might want to trust that the world will be happy for us in our love, it isn't always the case – every now and then, there is a koel around the corner looking out for themselves.

Lovers everywhere, beware!

The writer is counsellor with InnerSight

The story and feeling of being part of a retro subject attracted me to *1980*: Priyanka Upendra

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Priyanka Upendra is going back to the retro era for a period film titled *1980*. Priyanka, who is currently busy shooting for *Ugravatara*, has taken up a suspense thriller written and directed by Rajkiran J. The latter, who has assisted direction in *Savari 2*, *Vasantha Kaala* and *Missed Call*, will be making his directorial debut with this project. "I consciously decided to take up a different subject, after *Mummy Save Me* and *Devaki*, and that's why I signed *Ugravatara*, in which I play a cop. *Life is Beautiful* will show me in a feel-good character. However, *1980* will be a different subject compared to the previous films I have done so far," says Priyanka, adding, "The story and the element of being part of a retro subject attracted me to this project." Called *1980 -- A Demon's Era*, it will be launched on Oct. 28, and shooting will begin in November in and around Chikamagalur. Priyanaka has completed 50 per cent of the shooting for *Ugravatara*, which she says is shaping up well. "I will start shooting for *1980* from November and simultaneously complete my portions for *Ugravatara*. I am also working with director *Gautam VP* for a film that is currently under preparation work," she says. Made under the banner of R K Productions, *1980* will also feature Aravind Rau, Sridhar and Murali Sharma in prominent roles. The film will have Chintan Vikas composing the music and Jeevan Anthony cranking the camera.

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Hariprriya

PETROMAX WILL NOT HAVE *NEERDOSE* FLAVOUR: HARIPRRIYA

The actor is excited to reunite with director Vijayaprasad, and share screen space with Sathish Ninasam for the first time

A Sharadhaa

Hararirprriya is director Vijayaprasad's choice for his latest outing, *Petromax*, shooting for which began on Monday in Mysuru. She joins the sets along with the lead actor, Sathish Ninasam, with whom she is getting paired for the first time. Talking about the shoot, the actor says she has three reasons to be excited about it. "First, it's the content, for which I am glad to be reuniting with the *Neerdose* director again. Also, I am sharing screen space with actor Sathish Ninasam for the first time," says Hariprriya. "When a film has Vijayaprasad as the director, and me as the actor, we know what to expect from each other. We had built a good rapport during our previous film, *Neerdose*. I have understood what he expects from me, in terms of performance, and how he will portray me on the silver screen. So when I was approached for *Petromax*, my only curiosity was about the subject that the director has come up with," adds Hariprriya, who mentions that her character in *Petromax* is totally in contrast with what she has done in *Neerdose*.

Hariprriya along with Sathish Ninasam and Vijayaprasad

"*Petromax* will not have *Neerdose* flavour, but the treatment by director Vijayaprasad to this film will be the same -- elements of humour that blend with emotions, a meaningful script with fresh dialogues, and a lot of layers and dimensions," she explains.

Petromax jointly produced under Sathish Pictures, Studio 18, and Petromax Pictures for which music will be composed by Anoop Seelin and cinematography will be handled by Niranjan Babu.

Apart from *Petromax*, Hariprriya is also part of the Kannada remake of the Telugu film, *Evaru*, in which she is paired opposite Diganth. She will also be working with director K Madesh for *Lagaam* starring Upendra. "I currently have four projects in hand and a couple of more lined up. Since I take responsibility of managing my dates, it has helped me balance my schedule between each project. I will be juggling Vijayaprasad's and Ashok Teja's project currently, and I will join the sets of *Lagaam* when they begin the shoot," she reveals.

Rajkummar, Kriti 's next to go on floors from October 30

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Producer Dinesh Vijan and team are geared up for their upcoming project starring Rajkummar Rao and Kriti Sanon. The as-yet untitled film will go floors on October 30 with the key cast in Chandigarh. The comedy revolves around a couple who 'adopt' their parents. However, when the parents don't act as expected, chaos ensues.

The film also features Aparshakti Khurana.

Chikkanna to headline *Upadhyaksha*

The comedian-actor turns hero with Chandra Mohan's directorial bankrolled by Umapathy Films and DN Cinemas; project to go on floors in mid-December

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Comedian Chikkanna is making his debut as a hero with *Upadhyaksha*. An official announcement about the project was made on Monday, when the team also unveiled the film's title. *Upadhyaksha* is a name derived from the character that Chikkanna played in the Sharan-starrer *Adhakshya*. The film will be helmed by director Chandra Mohan and jointly produced by Smitha Umapathy and Nirmala Srinivas under the banner, Umapathy Films, and DN Cinemas. Chikkanna, who has featured mostly in comic roles in more than 200 films, is sticking to the comedy entertainer genre. The production house has also finalised Arjun Janya as the music director and Sudhakar S Raj as the cinematographer. The team is currently busy with the preparation work, and in all likelihood, Chikkanna's *Upadhyaksha* will go on floors in the second week of December.

Chikkanna

'We are only a button away from rejection or success'

Shilajit Mitra

Ali Fazal may have started the year slow but is closing it out with a bang. The returning season of his insanely popular Amazon series, *Mirzapur*, is dropping on October 23. The trailer shows Guddu Pandit, bearded and bruised, bringing the fight to Kaleen Bhaiya (Pankaj Tripathi). "I want revenge and Mirzapur both," he swears near the end. Last year, Ali wrapped up shooting for Death on the Nile, Kenneth Branagh's starry adaptation of the Agatha Christie novel. He has also bagged the lead role in *Codename: Johnny Walker*, about an Iraqi translator during the 2003 war. There's also his wedding to actor Richa Chadha, which got pushed till next year due to the pandemic.

We spoke to Ali about this exciting moment in his life and career and all that lies ahead.

Excerpts from the interview:

Q. *Guddu* is easily the most talked-about character you've played. How do you feel about the fandom that has grown around him and the show?
I was both surprised and shocked. Shocked to see how children were holding guns and speaking like Guddu. Here, parents should be careful that their children don't see things which are meant for adults.

Q. *The deaths of Bablu* and *Sweety have set Guddu* on a warpath. He seems more ruthless than ever.
It's interesting how the writers have opened it up. There are more characters that have tuned in and the show has sort of gone out of Mirzapur and back again. I think it might also head into season 3. Now *Guddu* is really pushing his brains as there's nobody to help him out. There's only two of us, Golu (Shweta Tripathi) and me, left now. I was amazed at the direction he was heading while shooting.

Q. You also look physically more menacing. How did you prepare for the new season?
There was pressure. It was difficult as you've already set a bar and have to go beyond it. However, the directors have done a fantastic job. I remember telling Shweta, "I'm not a method actor," but with this character, there was already a memory attached, a life lived. It was frustrating at times because of the endless hours of training and eating along with the filming process. On set, all of us were a cushion to each other and helped keep each other sane.

Q. The show is loved for its wackiness and dark humour. Will there be more goofing around in *S2*?
There is a seriousness in this season while having the Mirzapur flavour. Comedy also seeps in with seriousness being much more than the previous season.

Q. How was it working with Kenneth, Gal Gadot, and others on *Death on the Nile*?
They were all extremely kind, professional, and warm. The entire bunch was a wonderful group of people who brought a certain energy every time they walked onto the sets. I managed to learn from them and brought my best to the table as well. We were such a diverse bunch bringing some valuable contributions that it almost felt like the Olympics. It was the amalgamation of these unique energies that made it so interesting.

Q. With Amazon and Netflix backing the biggest shows, do you think Indian content is finally conquering the global stage?
Right now, OTT is the biggest platform. Moreover, it's not just actor-driven, but takes everybody from directors and writers to technicians along. The quality too has taken a leap forward. From another part of the world, we have access to amazing shows like Fleabag and Narcos. So we are only a button away from rejection or success.